

Supplemental Agency Calendar**Wednesday, July 20**

Rail Development Commission, 1980 West Broad Street, Rm. GA, Columbus, 11 a.m.

State Board of Education, 25 S. Front St., Columbus, 3 p.m. (Dropout Prevention and Recovery Study Committee)

Thursday, July 21

Board of Building Standards, Division of Industrial Compliance, 6606 Tussing Road, Training Room 1, Reynoldsburg, 9 a.m. (Code Committee)

Cemetery Dispute Resolution Commission, Division of Real Estate and Professional Licensing, 77 South High Street, 22nd Floor, Columbus, 10 a.m.

Supplemental Event Planner**Saturday, July 16**

Gov. John Kasich to speak at 107th NAACP Convention, Duke Energy Convention Center, Hall A, 525 Elm St., Cincinnati, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 27

Beginning of Ohio State Fair

Sunday, August 7

End of Ohio State Fair

Sunday, October 2

Sen. Bob Peterson (R-Sabina) fall fest fundraiser, Peterson Farm, 5564 Grassy Branch Rd., Sabina, 4 p.m., (\$50 per Family | \$25 per Person to Peterson for Good Government)

Thursday, October 20

Sen. Bill Beagle (R-Tipp City) shooting fundraiser, Vandalia Range and Armory, 100 Corp Center Drive, Vandalia, 5:30 p.m., (\$1000 Event Sponsor, includes up to 6 participants; \$500 Lane Sponsor, includes up to 4 participants; \$150 per couple | \$100 per person | \$50 Dinner only to Citizens for Bill Beagle)

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Daily Activity Planner for Saturday, July 16-Monday, July 18

Legislative Committees

No legislative committees scheduled.

Agency Calendar

No agency meetings scheduled.

Event Planner

Saturday, July 16

Ohio Legislative Black Caucus 2016 convention luncheon, Westin, 21 E. Fifth St., Cincinnati, 11:30 a.m., (Featuring U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee)

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Ohio Legislative Black Caucus 2016 convention dinner gala, Duke Energy Center, Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m., (Featuring Vernon Jordan)

Monday, July 18

Republican National Convention, Cleveland

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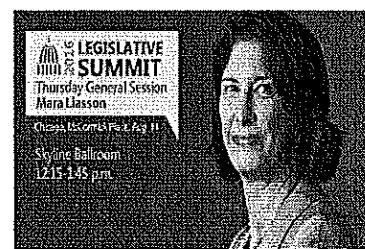
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From: NCSL TODAY
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2016 7:41 AM
To: Derksen, Nick
Subject: U.S. will affirm its prohibition on medical marijuana



Wisconsin Speaker of the House Robin Vos joins us in this eVideo update to talk about the NCSL business meeting that he presided over as well as some of the other sessions he attended while in Chicago. He also discusses next year's plans for the Summit in Boston



Election 2016 with Mara Liasson of Fox News and NPR

Whether it's a nail-biter or a landslide, the 2016 election will bring tremendous change to the presidency, Congress and the states.

TOP NEWS Aug. 11, 2016

U.S. will affirm its prohibition on medical marijuana today

The Washington Post

The government on Thursday will refuse again to allow the use of marijuana for medical purposes, reaffirming its conclusion that the drug's therapeutic value has not been proved scientifically, according to government officials, and defying a growing clamor to legalize it for the treatment of a variety of conditions.

NCSL resolution urging feds to remove marijuana from Schedule 1 list cited.

As technology evolves, public disclosure gets more complicated for state legislatures

RouteFifty.com

As compliance with public disclosure laws becomes increasingly complicated in an era of cloud servers, smartphones and messaging apps, a panel of experts Monday offered a window into the sometimes tricky terrain state legislatures navigate when maintaining and releasing records. **Coverage of NCSL Legislative Summit session.**

State governments eye cash from fantasy sports

The Hill

State legislators across the country are preparing for a nationwide battle over the booming and largely unregulated daily fantasy sports industry.

Appeals court stays ruling on Wisconsin voter ID law

Associated Press

A federal appeals court on Wednesday blocked a pathway for

Mara Liasson, political pundit for Fox News Sunday and NPR, gives us the insider's view on 2016 politics and what it all may mean during a 12:15 p.m. general session.



NCSL applauds appeals court decision on FCC

NCSL recognizes outstanding legislative documents

New York Senate website takes top award at Summit



Who should elect the president?

Wisconsin residents without the required photo identification to vote in the presidential election just three months away. NCSL resources on voter ID.

Judge blocks West Virginia right-to-work law

Charleston Gazette-Mail

In issuing the injunction, Judge Jennifer Bailey said that until legal questions about the law can be resolved, enforcement of it could cause irreparable harm to unions and union workers.

Are animal hoarders criminals?

Stateline

Reports of animal hoarding are on the rise, leaving states and localities deciding whether to prosecute or deal with the underlying mental problem that leads to it.

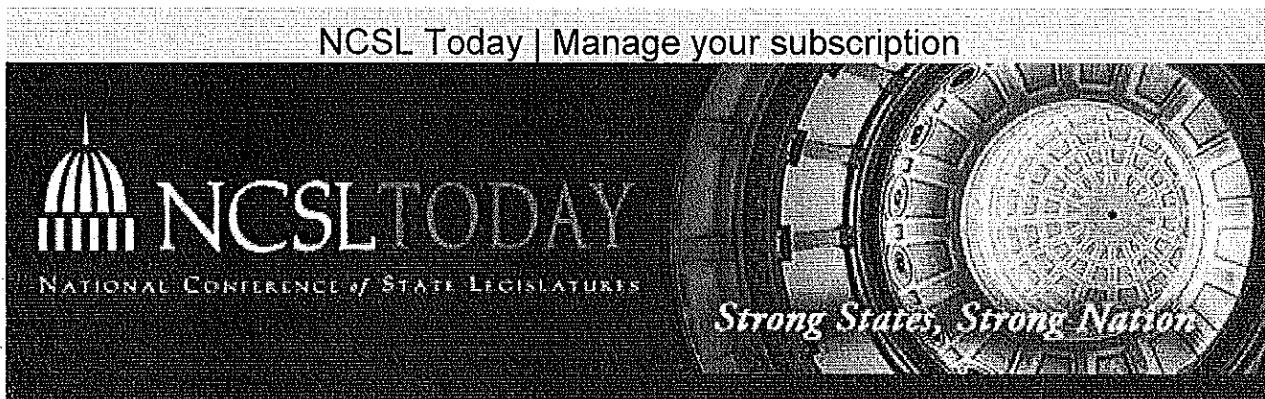
Have you ever tried to explain to someone who does not follow politics how we elect the president? You always get to that uncomfortable moment where you have to say: No, voters don't actually elect the president, the members of the Electoral College elect the president.



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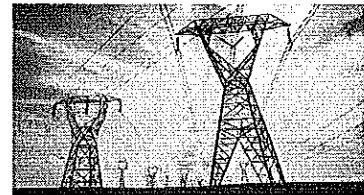


TOP NEWS Oct. 10, 2916

Unions fight ballot efforts to constitutionalize right to work

Governing

Right-to-work laws, which limit the power of labor unions, have been around for decades. Now business leaders and Republican lawmakers in two states want to make them permanent.



The politics of social media

State Net Capitol Journal

Like it or not, social media sites like Facebook, Twitter, Periscope and Snapchat have become an indispensable part of political campaigns and the vast majority of lawmakers' offices.



Political battle over lawmakers' pay heads to Minnesota voters

Associated Press

Far below the ballot ovals for the presidential race, Minnesota

Energy, environment transportation federal newsletters

These newsletters include news stories, legislation, events, resources and more from federal and state agencies, legislatures, the federal administration and other policy stakeholders.

voters will answer a critical question that has vexed state lawmakers for years: Should they be setting their own pay?



California recycling crisis sends billions of bottles, cans into landfill

Bloomberg

About 90 percent of the 8 billion soda cans sold in California every year get turned in for recycling and a 5¢ refund. But cheaper commodity prices, plus lower Chinese demand for America's used bottles and cans, have upended the economics of the state's recycling industry.

Webinar Oct. 20: Infant and early childhood mental health

Capitol to Capitol

Bill information service training Oct. 18



Obama administration is quietly delaying thousands of deportation cases

The New York Times

The Obama administration is delaying deportation proceedings for recent immigrants in cities across the United States, allowing more than 56,000 of those who fled Central America since 2014 to remain in the country legally for several more years.

State legislators are dropping and giving 'em 22

State legislators around the country are dropping and giving 22 pushups in an effort to raise awareness about veterans' suicide prevention.

New York state to eliminate cash option for paying tolls

The New York Times

Instead of charging drivers who are stopped at toll plazas, the authority will use sensors and cameras to automatically charge cars that have been equipped with E-ZPass; those without it will have their license plates recorded by camera, and a bill will be mailed to the registered owner of the vehicle.



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Subject: E-Clips for 1/13/2017

HOUSE E-CLIPS

1/13/2017



KASICH OUTLINES 2017 VISION IN FACE OF BUDGET SHORTFALL

Gov. John Kasich says he is creating a position for a chief innovation officer to pursue and oversee developments in emerging technologies, such as education technology, robotics and data analytics.



KASICH NOT BACKING OFF TOUGH GRADUATION STANDARDS

Despite a Statehouse protest by Ohio superintendents two months ago, Gov. John Kasich said Thursday that he won't back down from tough new state high-school graduation requirements.

ANTI-DEATH PENALTY COALITION URGES OHIO NOT TO RESUME EXECUTIONS

At the exact hour a convicted Ohio killer was originally to be executed Thursday, opponents of capital punishment gathered at the Statehouse to urge state officials not to resume lethal injection after a three-year hiatus.

UTILITIES PUSH FOR TOUGH REGULATIONS ON SUBMETER COMPANIES

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio plans to regulate submeter companies, but the state's largest electricity utilities say that regulators are not going far enough to rein in abusive practices by these companies.

SPEAKER ROSENBERGER APPOINTS HOUSE COMMITTEE LEADERS

House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger, R-Clarksville, has named committee chairs and vice-chairs for the 2017-18 legislative session.

THE PLAIN DEALER

BUSINESS LEADERS ON SCHOOL BOARDS AMONG IDEAS GOV. JOHN KASICH PLANS TO PUT IN THE STATE BUDGET

Gov. John Kasich on Thursday dropped a few more hints about the policy changes tucked into his last two-year state budget.

OHIO DEATH PENALTY OPPONENTS URGE END TO EXECUTIONS OF MENTALLY ILL

Ohio death penalty opponents on Thursday urged Gov. John Kasich and state lawmakers not to resume executions next month after three years of delays.

FORMER YOUNGSTOWN MAYOR JAY WILLIAMS CONSIDERS RUN FOR GOVERNOR

Jay Williams, the former Youngstown mayor and outgoing Obama administration official, is getting serious about a run for Ohio governor in 2018.

THE ENQUIRER

RIGHT-TO-WORK WEAKENS UNIONS, BUT WILL IT BRING JOBS?

Unions terrify some employers.

THE BLADE

AREA LAWMAKERS TO HELP LEAD STATE HOUSE COMMITTEES

State Rep. Steven Arndt (R., Port Clinton) will be the sole state House committee chairman from northwest Ohio in this two-year session.

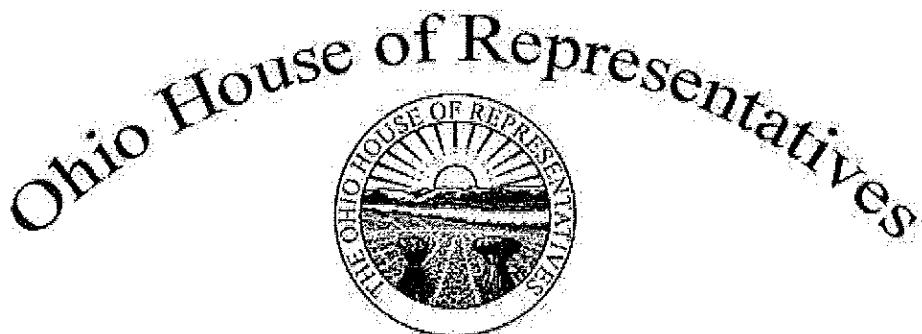
KASICH SAYS HE CAN FILL POTENTIAL \$1 BILLION BUDGET HOLE

Gov. John Kasich will propose a solution to a potential \$1 billion hole in the state's next two-year budget as the federal government closes a sales tax loophole exploited by Ohio to draw down more Medicaid matching funds.

FORMER LEGISLATOR SEEKS NEW TRIAL REGARDING FELONY THEFT CONVICTION

A former state legislator who was kicked out of office after being convicted on a felony theft charge in Danbury Township has requested a new trial in his case following denial of appeals for the original trial.

From: Thawley, Roanna
Sent: Friday, January 13, 2017 11:41 AM
To: Thawley, Roanna
Subject: Co-Sponsor Request: Public Sector Right-to-Work



Representative John Becker
Ohio's 65th House District

MEMORANDUM

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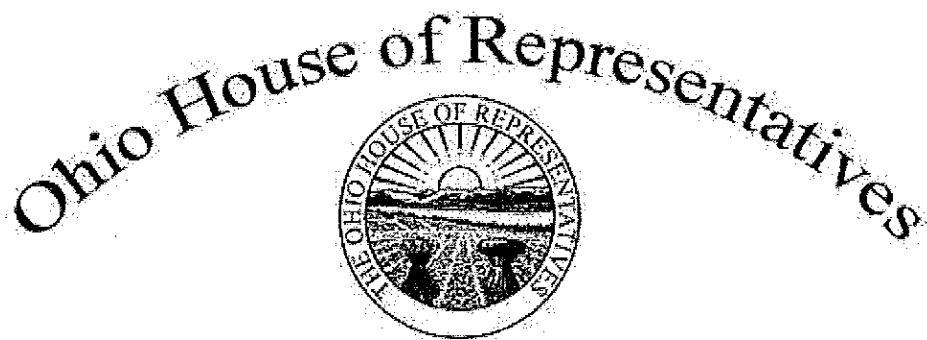
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From: Thawley, Roanna
Sent: Monday, January 23, 2017 7:34 AM
To: Thawley, Roanna
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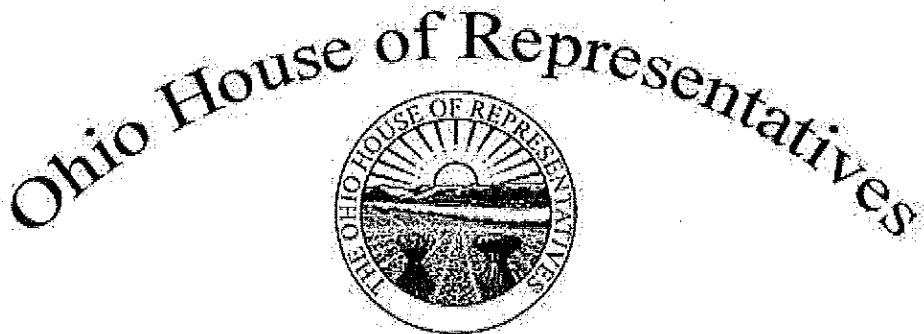
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From: Thawley, Roanna
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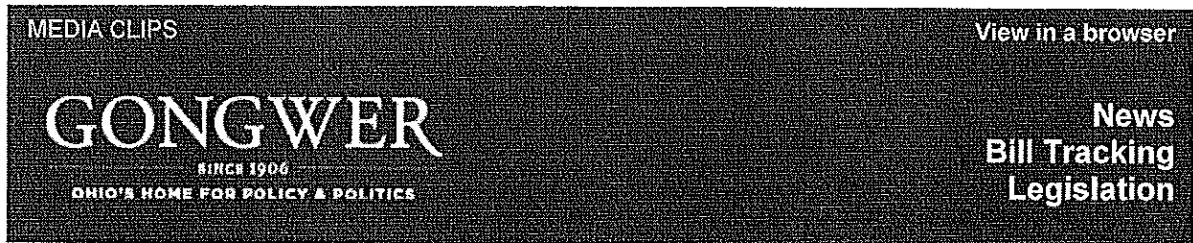
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From: Gongwer News Service
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To: Derksen, Nick
Subject: Ohio Media Clips, Thursday, February 2



NEWS

Governor: Ohio must embrace future, change Rust Belt image (Akron Beacon Journal, 2/2/2017)

With \$2.6M, Ohio creates network to support violence victims (Associated Press, 2/2/2017)

Kasich: Losing Amazon isn't 'game over' (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/2/2017)

Sanctuary city 'over our dead body,' Mandel says (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/2/2017)

Sen. Brown blocks committee vote on Trump's Treasury nominee (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/2/2017)

'Right to work' won't be popular in Ohio, state lawmakers say (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/2/2017)

New Ohio GOP Chairwoman Jane Timken's message for Kasich allies: 'I will not keep score' (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/2/2017)

Ohio to appeal court ruling preserving Cleveland's Fannie Lewis Law (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/2/2017)

Sherrod Brown stalls Steve Mnuchin, Josh Mandel slams sanctuary cities: Ohio Politics Roundup (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/2/2017)

Callers jam Senate phone lines with concerns about Trump nominees (Columbus Dispatch, 2/2/2017)

Kasich administration makes final push to Medicaid managed care (Columbus Dispatch, 2/2/2017)

Kasich says state did all it could to land \$1.4 billion Amazon hub (Columbus Dispatch, 2/2/2017)

Kasich tax plan faces questions from House panel (Columbus Dispatch, 2/2/2017)

The Daily Briefing: David Pepper, Jane Timken differ on which party has more energy (Columbus Dispatch, 2/2/2017)

Call volume overwhelms Senate switchboard (Dayton Daily News, 2/2/2017)

Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley 'considering' run for governor (Dayton Daily News, 2/2/2017)

Kasich gives his take on the Wright Brothers, Trump and Ohio's image (Dayton Daily News, 2/2/2017)

Ohio Gov John Kasich reacts to loss of 300 Amazon jobs to Kentucky (Dayton Daily News, 2/2/2017)

Ohio House speaker rents luxury condo from top GOP donor (Dayton Daily News, 2/2/2017)

Budget chief: Kasich conservative on growth (Toledo Blade, 2/2/2017)

Portman, Brown react to Supreme Court pick (Toledo Blade, 2/2/2017)

Senator's war chest ahead of 2012 pace (Toledo Blade, 2/2/2017)

EDITORIALS

Cities, refugees and the president's flawed executive order (Akron Beacon Journal, 2/2/2017)

Mandel: We are at war with radical Islam (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/2/2017)

Sen. Rob Portman must lead in legislative efforts to counter President Trump's dangerously expansive travel ban: editorial (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/2/2017)

Committed to the law (Toledo Blade, 2/2/2017)

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HOUSE E-CLIPS

2/02/2017



JUDGE BLOCKS OHIO LAW THAT WOULD BAN SOME LOCAL HIRING RULES

A judge has blocked an Ohio law that would have barred local hiring regulations for public projects, such as Cleveland's requirement that city residents get to work on certain projects.



CRITICS SLAM KASICH'S FLAT-FUNDING OF DRUG-ADDITION FIGHT

Ohio Gov. John Kasich stood firm Wednesday against charges from lawmakers and others that the state is not doing enough to tackle the nation's leading number of drug-overdose deaths, principally from opioids.

KASICH TAX PLAN FACES QUESTIONS FROM HOUSE PANEL

State Budget Director Tim Keen spent about four hours in front of the House Finance Committee Wednesday testifying and answering a variety of questions about Gov. John Kasich's new two-year budget.

KASICH SAYS STATE DID ALL IT COULD TO LAND \$1.4 BILLION AMAZON HUB

Ohio may have landed three Amazon data centers and two distribution centers in the Columbus area, but Gov. John Kasich today lamented one that got away.

KASICH ADMINISTRATION MAKES FINAL PUSH TO MEDICAID MANAGED CARE

Gov. John Kasich plans to move the last group of Medicaid beneficiaries into private managed care plans, more than 150,000 mostly elderly and disabled Ohioans receiving long-term care services at home or in nursing facilities.

THE DAILY BRIEFING: DAVID PEPPER, JANE TIMKEN DIFFER ON WHICH PARTY HAS MORE ENERGY

The first joint appearance of Ohio's current major political party leaders was highlighted by an energy debate.

EDITORIAL: A CHECKUP FOR FISCAL HEALTH

No one can see the future, but there are ways to get an inkling of where things are headed.

Dayton Daily News

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DAYTON MAYOR NAN WHALEY 'CONSIDERING' RUN FOR GOVERNOR

Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley says she is considering a run for governor in 2018.

KASICH GIVES HIS TAKE ON THE WRIGHT BROTHERS, TRUMP AND OHIO'S IMAGE

Ohio Gov. John Kasich seemed to be in a feisty mood Wednesday when he fielded questions from the press at a forum sponsored by the Associated Press in Columbus.

OHIO GOV JOHN KASICH REACTS TO LOSS OF 300 AMAZON JOBS TO KENTUCKY

Gov. John Kasich said Amazon picked northern Kentucky over Wilmington in large part because the airport in Covington has plenty of capacity and the Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky metro area has the workforce.

THE PLAIN DEALER

OHIO GOV. JOHN KASICH PROPOSES ADDING BUSINESS EXPERTS TO LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS

A proposal from Ohio Gov. John Kasich would add three non-voting members to every local school board to keep them apprised of the needs of the business community.

NEW OHIO GOP CHAIRWOMAN JANE TIMKEN'S MESSAGE FOR KASICH ALLIES: 'I WILL NOT KEEP SCORE'

New Ohio Republican Party Chairwoman Jane Timken pledged Wednesday not to retaliate against those who did not back her campaign.

OHIO TO APPEAL COURT RULING PRESERVING CLEVELAND'S FANNIE LEWIS LAW

The state will appeal a Cuyahoga County court decision that upheld Cleveland's Fannie Lewis Law guaranteeing that local residents get a percentage of work on public projects.

'RIGHT TO WORK' WON'T BE POPULAR IN OHIO, STATE LAWMAKERS SAY

As congressional Republicans consider a national "right to work" law, Ohio state legislators said Ohioans don't necessarily want anti-union legislation.

OHIO'S 2018 U.S. SENATE RACE ON TRACK TO BE EXPENSIVE: OHIO POLITICS ROUNDUP

The Ohio U.S. Senate race in 2018 is on track to get expensive. Republican U.S. Rep. Jim Renacci of Ohio appears to be on the path to run for governor.

THE ENQUIRER

KASICH: LOSING AMAZON HUB ISN'T 'GAME OVER' FOR WILMINGTON

Better job applicants and facilities led Amazon to choose Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport over Wilmington for its worldwide air cargo hub, Ohio Gov. John Kasich told reporters Wednesday.

THE BLADE

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BUDGET CHIEF: KASICH CONSERVATIVE ON GROWTH

Gov. John Kasich has warned against lawmakers' using rosier revenue projections to justify additional spending over the next two years, but a legislative agency on Wednesday estimated that revenues will climb at a faster pace than his administration has predicted.

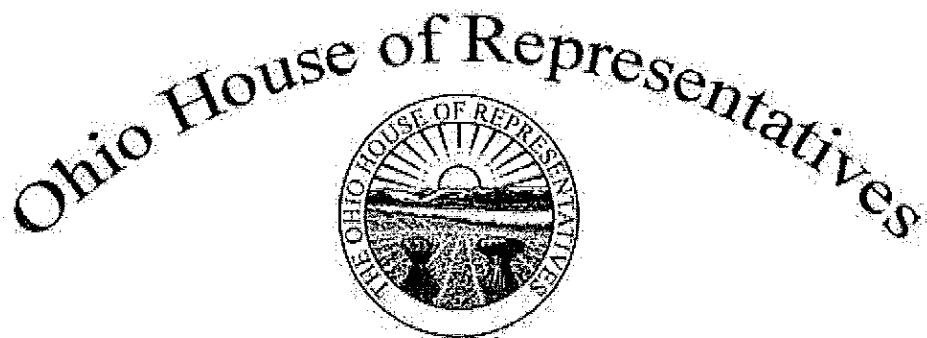
TheVindicator

VALLEY LEGISLATORS APPOINTED AS RANKING DEMS TO STATE HOUSE, SENATE COMMITTEES

Three Ohio House Democrats who represent the Mahoning Valley were named as ranking minority members on committees in the state Legislature.

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Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 8:08 AM
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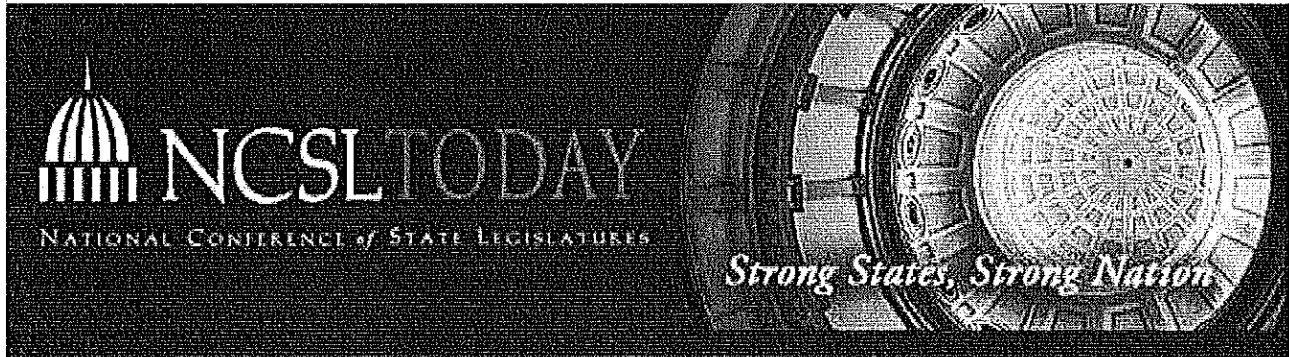
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Subject: What's driving population decline in more states?

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TOP NEWS Feb. 3, 2017

What's driving population decline in more states?

Stateline

More states lost population last year than in 30 years. Some of the loss can be attributed to national demographic trends — but not all of it.

Bipartisan Tennessee bill would require safety restraint systems in all school buses

Chattanooga Times Free Press

Beginning July 1, 2018, the bill will require safety restraint systems on any Tennessee school bus ordered or purchased by a public or private school or system intended to transport students, as well as for extracurricular activities and other school events. **NCSL data cited.**

NCSL resources on school bus safety.

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A Rocky Road: new issue of State Legislatures magazine

Broadly speaking, public-private partnerships, known as P3s, are agreements in which a private-sector party provides a service

U.S. starts year with jobs surge but pay gains are weak

The New York Times

Employers added a healthy 227,000 workers to their payrolls in January, the government reported on Friday. But despite a surge of local minimum-wage increases, average hourly earnings grew by only 0.1 percent.

Missouri lawmakers send right-to-work law to governor's desk

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

A moment long dreaded by the state's labor unions and their supporters arrived on Thursday, as Missouri lawmakers sent a right-to-work proposal to a Republican governor who has promised for months that he'd sign it. NCSL resources on right-to-work laws.

Kansas exceeds January revenue estimate, lawmakers mull how to close shortfall

Topeka Capitol-Journal

Kansas took in about \$24 million more than anticipated in January, the third month in a row in which revenue has met or exceeded expectations, though the windfall put only a small dent in the state's budget shortfall.

California lawmakers can't figure out what to do with Airbnb

The Los Angeles Times = A

Short-term rental legislation has failed in Sacramento for multiple reasons, those on all sides of the issue said, including cities' reluctance to let the state involve itself in local tax collection and the relative political strengths of both

that is traditionally delivered by a public agency. In terms of infrastructure, a private partner typically assumes significant responsibility and risk over a project's design, construction or operation.



Federal action and health system changes

'Our American States': a new NCSL podcast

Capitol-to-Capitol state-federal newsletter



Preventing opioid misuse; legislative trends and predictions

As overdose deaths from opioids—including prescription drugs—continue to rise, strategies to confront the epidemic are likely to stay at the forefront during the 2017 legislative sessions.

Airbnb and labor unions, which are typically the industry's most powerful adversaries.



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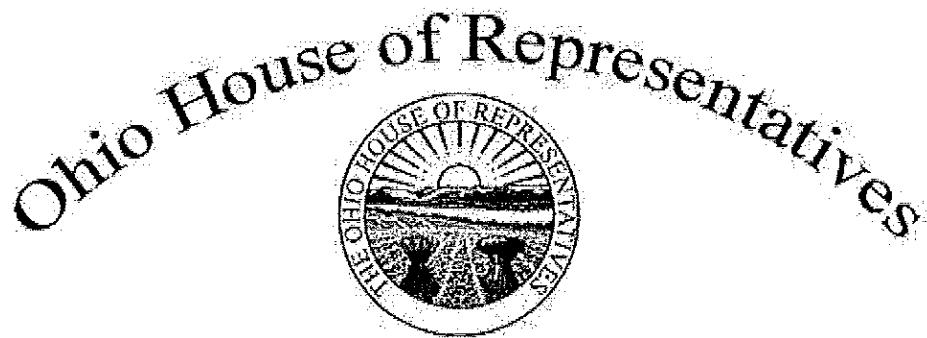
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From: Thawley, Roanna
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To: Thawley, Roanna
Subject: REMINDER: DEADLINE EXTENDED Co-Sponsor Request: Public Sector Right-to-Work

Current co-sponsors are Representatives Hood, Brinkman, Dean, Thompson, Vitale, Goodman, Riedel, Roegner, Merrin, Antani, Zeltwanger, and Keller. If you would like to join, please note the deadline is TODAY at 5 PM.

****REMINDER: Deadline extended to Monday, February 6, 2017 @ 5 PM.****



Representative John Becker
Ohio's 65th House District

MEMORANDUM

To: GOP House Members
From: Representative John Becker
Date: February 6, 2017
RE: Co-Sponsor Request: Public Sector Right-to-Work

I will soon be reintroducing a public sector right-to-work bill. This bill was previously introduced in the 131st General Assembly as HB 583.

There is a national trend of states moving to implement right-to-work laws. With Kentucky being the 27th state to continue that trend, it's time Ohio steps up to the plate. All of Ohio's neighboring states, with the exception of Pennsylvania, have right-to-work laws on the books.

This legislation:

- Provides public sector workers the choice to opt out of union representation and dues.
- Allows non-union employees to voluntarily make financial contributions to a union.
- Protects unions from the requirement of representing non-union employees.
- Appropriates \$30,000 in fiscal year 17 for pamphlets and brochures.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation or have any questions, please contact Roanna Thawley at (614) 466-8134 or Roanna.Thawley@ohiohouse.gov. The deadline to co-sponsor is COB, **Monday, February 6, 2017**. Thank you for your consideration.

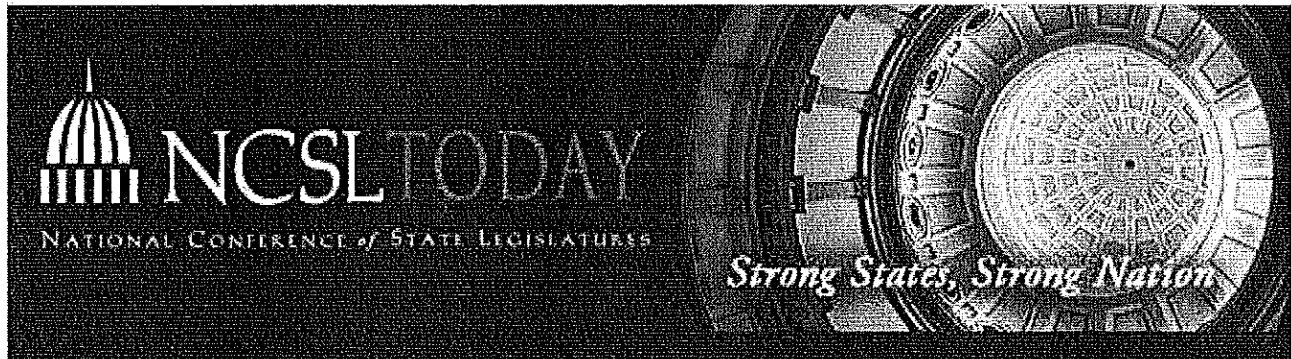
Roanna Thawley

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Health care adjusts to a more diverse America

Stateline

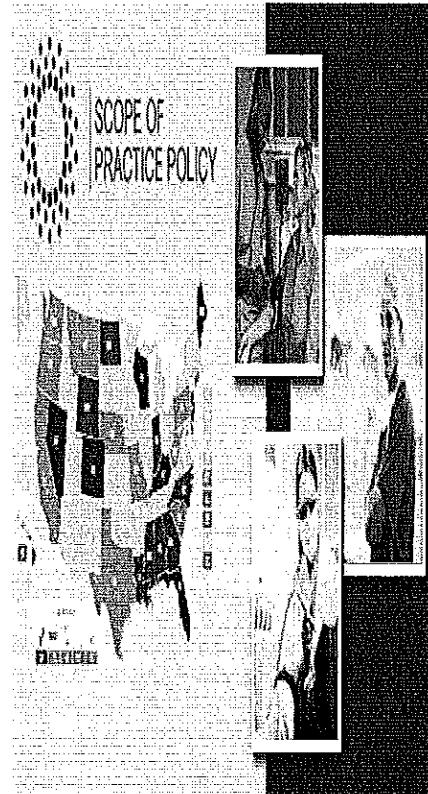
Health care providers will need to beef up language services, hire diverse staff, and pay attention to culturally appropriate care strategies.

State GOP leaders move swiftly as party bickers in Congress

The New York Times

Republicans have top-to-bottom control in 25 states now, holding both the governorship and the entire legislature, and Republican lawmakers are acting with lightning speed to enact longstanding conservative priorities.

Distracted driving penalties could increase statewide in Washington



Associated Press

Lawmakers heard emotional testimony this week from people who lost friends and family members in car accidents caused by drivers distracted by their phones. They are among many who want to make it illegal to hold any hand-held device while driving and ensure offenders receive harsher penalties. **NCSL data cited.**
NCSL resources on distracted driving.

States increasingly targeted by cybercriminals

State Net Capitol Journal

GCN, which provides research for public sector IT managers, reported that between 2013 and 2015 the number of cyberattacks on state computer networks in Utah increased 10,000-fold, from 50,000 to 20 million per day to 300 million to 500 million per day.
NCSL resources on state cybersecurity legislation.

Tapping private sector for roads and bridges poses hurdles for Trump

Bloomberg

Even as President Donald Trump vows to steer more private money toward improving U.S. roads, bridges and airports, familiar impediments may hinder investors. **NCSL data cited.**

NCSL toolkit for legislators on public-private partnerships for transportation.

Despite union resistance, right-to-work momentum is growing

Visit NCSL's new website on Scope of Practice Policy

A health care provider's scope of practice describes the procedures, actions and processes that a health care practitioner is permitted to undertake in keeping with the terms of his or her professional license.



Autonomous vehicles legislative database

Energy efficiency and renewables in lower-income homes

State Legislatures magazine: Rocky road to fix aging roads, bridges



House committee votes to terminate Election Assistance Commission

The U.S. House Committee on House Administration voted 6-3 along party lines this week to

Governing

Several states have already passed right-to-work laws this year -- and their reach may finally expand into the Northeast.

NCSL resources on right-to-work laws.

terminate the U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

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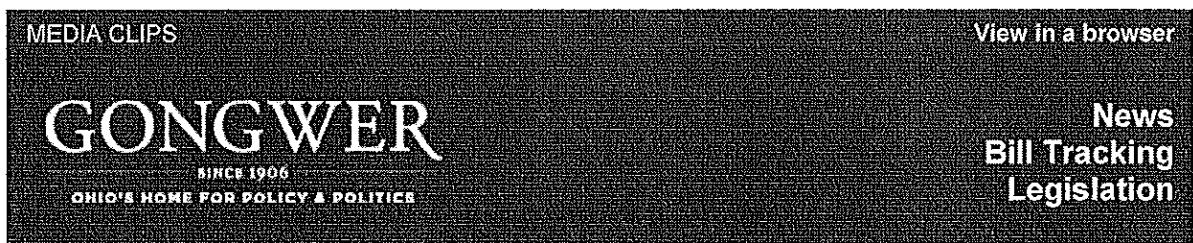
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- [Kasich Picks Sandusky for 'State of State'](#)
- [School Board Discusses ESSA Plan, Testing Reduction](#)
- [Finance Committee Releases Breakdown of State Agencies by Budget Subcommittee](#)
- [Becker Reintroduces 'Right to Work' for Public Sector Employees](#)
- ['Mr. Baseball,' Rep. West Reintroduce Bill Honoring Moses Fleetwood Walker](#)
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NEWS

Election, Women's March prompt women of color to seek office
(Associated Press, 2/14/2017)

How young is too young? 36,000 elementary school suspensions
(Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/14/2017)

Kasich: Enough with the 'Rust Belt' (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/14/2017)

'Right-to-work' bill introduced in Ohio House (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/14/2017)

Josh Mandel, gearing up for 2018 Senate run, has recruited campaign leaders in all 88 Ohio counties (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/14/2017)

Learn how much a new college savings proposal in Ohio could save you
(Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/14/2017)

Ohio Gov. John Kasich wants Sandusky to host this year's State of the State address (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/14/2017)

That time President Donald Trump crashed a Lindner's wedding: Ohio Politics Roundup (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/14/2017)

Kasich to give State of State in home of roller coasters and merry-go-rounds (Columbus Dispatch, 2/14/2017)

Statehouse maneuvering: Householder wants off committees (Columbus Dispatch, 2/14/2017)

The Daily Briefing: Former congressman, state lawmaker form lobbying firm (Columbus Dispatch, 2/14/2017)

The Daily Briefing: Trump's first presidential visit to Ohio canceled (Columbus Dispatch, 2/14/2017)

Your Right to Know: Drug-death records would be secret (Columbus Dispatch, 2/14/2017)

China shipments fuel local drug trade (Dayton Daily News, 2/14/2017)

Gov. Kasich looks to make big changes to K-12 schools (Dayton Daily News, 2/14/2017)

Ohio businesses set to cash in on pot (Dayton Daily News, 2/14/2017)

What do you want Gov. Kasich to focus on in 2017? (Dayton Daily News, 2/14/2017)

Bill to honor Walker hits House floor for 3rd time (Toledo Blade, 2/14/2017)

Kasich looks to deliver 2017 address in Sandusky (Toledo Blade, 2/14/2017)

Senators' registry bill moves forward (Toledo Blade, 2/14/2017)

EDITORIALS

Judges do their job in checking the executive (Akron Beacon Journal, 2/14/2017)

Editorial: Funding concerns still exist for College Credit Plus program (Canton Repository, 2/14/2017)

Editorial: More needed to fight overdoses (Columbus Dispatch, 2/14/2017)

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2/14/2017



LOBBYIST PUSHING INTERSTATE CONNECTING TOLEDO, COLUMBUS

A transportation lobbyist says he hopes the Trump administration's promise to invest billions on infrastructure could revive long dormant plans to build an interstate between Toledo and Columbus.



HOUSE SPEAKER UNHAPPY THAT AMBITIOUS LARRY HOUSEHOLDER WANTS OFF COMMITTEES

A lawmaker trying to resign from his recently approved committee assignments is unusual, especially for a freshman.

KASICH TO GIVE STATE OF STATE IN HOME OF ROLLER COASTERS AND MERRY-GO-ROUNDS

With an up-and-down record of success dealing with his fellow Republicans in the Ohio legislature, perhaps it's appropriate that Gov. John Kasich deliver his annual State of the State speech near the Roller Coaster Capital of the World.

YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW: DRUG-DEATH RECORDS WOULD BE SECRET

The administration of Gov. John Kasich is out to add exemption (gg) to the Ohio public records act.

THE DAILY BRIEFING: FORMER CONGRESSMAN, STATE LAWMAKER FORM LOBBYING FIRM

A former congressman, the former state tax commissioner and the former No. 2 leader of the Ohio House have teamed up to form a new lobbying and consulting firm.



WHAT DO YOU WANT GOV. KASICH TO FOCUS ON IN 2017?

Once again, Ohio Gov. John Kasich is taking his annual State of the State address to the General Assembly on the road, and this time he is asking lawmakers to travel to Sandusky for the event on April 4.

THE PLAIN DEALER

JOSH MANDEL, GEARING UP FOR 2018 SENATE RUN, HAS RECRUITED CAMPAIGN LEADERS IN ALL 88 OHIO COUNTIES

State Treasurer Josh Mandel, who continues to assemble an early-developing campaign operation for U.S. Senate in 2018, on Monday announced the names of campaign leaders in all 88 Ohio counties.

LEARN HOW MUCH A NEW COLLEGE SAVINGS PROPOSAL IN OHIO COULD SAVE YOU

A proposal introduced in Ohio Senate last month could sharply increase state income tax savings for some people contributing to 529 Ohio college saving plans.

'RIGHT-TO-WORK' BILL INTRODUCED IN OHIO HOUSE

Legislation that would make Ohio a "right-to-work" state is back, but it's unclear how far the controversial measure will go after voters rejected a prior effort to scale back public union bargaining rights.

THAT TIME PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP CRASHED A LINDNER'S WEDDING: OHIO POLITICS ROUNDUP

Youngstown is off for President Donald Trump. Sandusky is on for Gov. John Kasich. And Cliff Rosenberger finds a not-so-subtle way to show there's only one Ohio House speaker at a time.

THE ENQUIRER

HOW YOUNG IS TOO YOUNG? 36,000 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUSPENSIONS

Ohio schools dole out up to 36,000 suspensions to elementary students each year – a number that stunned a Republican lawmaker into seeking a ban on many suspensions and expulsions.

THE BLADE

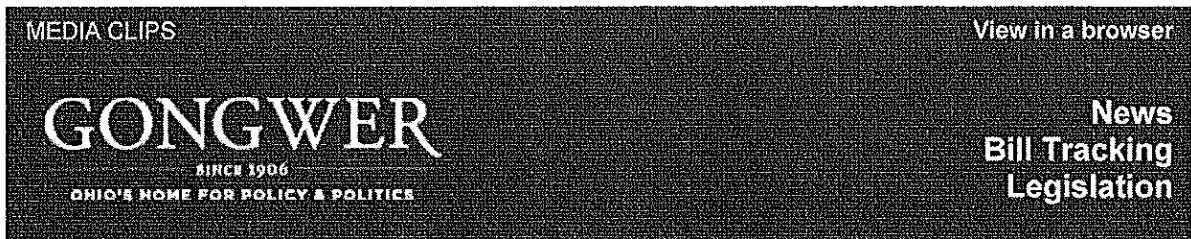
SENATORS' REGISTRY BILL MOVES FORWARD

Under a bill about to be introduced, Ohio would join five states that require certain offenders with violent pasts to register their whereabouts, much as sex offenders are required to do.

KASICH LOOKS TO DELIVER 2017 ADDRESS IN SANDUSKY

Sandusky had wanted Gov. John Kasich to deliver his final State of the State address as part of the city's bicentennial celebration in 2018, but it's more than happy to welcome him a year early.

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NEWS

Kasich would block access to heroin death reviews (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/15/2017)

Kasich: Teachers should job shadow with businesses to renew licenses (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/15/2017)

Ohio Dems in limbo on governor's race (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/15/2017)

Josh Mandel's Senate campaign names Portage County chairwoman -- but it's news to her (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/15/2017)

Ohio teachers would have to job shadow at a business to renew licenses under Gov. John Kasich's budget (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/15/2017)

Sen. Rob Portman says he listened to fierce critics of Betsy DeVos but 'did my own research' (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/15/2017)

Superintendents: Cut state tests, end As and Fs on state report cards (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/15/2017)

Talk it out: Should Ohio become a 'right to work' state? (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/15/2017)

Are local resources enough to combat Ohio's opioid epidemic?
(Columbus Dispatch, 2/15/2017)

Brown, Portman say Flynn made right decision to resign (Columbus Dispatch, 2/15/2017)

Latest study: Ohio-style Medicaid may save \$1B a year (Columbus Dispatch, 2/15/2017)

Most vocational schools would lose funding under Kasich proposal (Columbus Dispatch, 2/15/2017)

Ohio House Dems say GOP tax cuts aren't working (Columbus Dispatch, 2/15/2017)

Ohio nurses want law limiting nurse-patient ratios (Columbus Dispatch, 2/15/2017)

The Daily Briefing: Rob Secaur new executive director of Ohio GOP (Columbus Dispatch, 2/15/2017)

Trump may shrink EPA, but effects in Ohio to be delayed (Columbus Dispatch, 2/15/2017)

Cursive handwriting could be required for Ohio students again (Dayton Daily News, 2/15/2017)

New national security adviser a Dayton native (Dayton Daily News, 2/15/2017)

Ohio lawmakers react to resignation of Michael Flynn (Dayton Daily News, 2/15/2017)

Mandel lists campaign leaders for Senate bid (Toledo Blade, 2/15/2017)

Senators' registry bill moves forward (Toledo Blade, 2/15/2017)

EDITORIALS

**Bid to ban Ohio sanctuary cities a craven political ploy: editorial
(Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/15/2017)**

'You're fired' (Toledo Blade, 2/15/2017)

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HOUSE E-CLIPS

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ARE LOCAL RESOURCES ENOUGH TO COMBAT OHIO'S OPIOID EPIDEMIC?

Roger T. Winemiller lost his sister to a heroin overdose the night before Easter last year.

TRUMP MAY SHRINK EPA, BUT EFFECTS IN OHIO TO BE DELAYED

President Donald Trump's first few weeks have left Washington disoriented and environmentalists worried.

OHIO HOUSE DEMS SAY GOP TAX CUTS AREN'T WORKING

House Democrats say Ohioans need to wake up and realize the Republican tax plans passed over the past decade have not been working to create jobs.

MOST VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS WOULD LOSE FUNDING UNDER KASICH PROPOSAL

Like Ohio's libraries and K-12 school districts, vocational schools soon could be feeling the squeeze of Ohio's tightening purse strings.

LATEST STUDY: OHIO-STYLE MEDICAID MAY SAVE \$1B A YEAR

Even if your eyes glaze at the mere mention of Medicaid, this might widen your peepers: Ohio's revamped setup is saving taxpayers \$1 billion annually — and the amount is growing.

OHIO NURSES WANT LAW LIMITING NURSE-PATIENT RATIOS

Arguing that hospitals put patient care at risk by overworking essential front-line caregivers, nurses across Ohio are pushing lawmakers to limit the number of patients for whom they are responsible.

EDUCATION INSIDER: SOME IN COLUMBUS SCHOOLS DATA-RIGGING SCANDAL

YET TO BE PUNISHED

Will the state Department of Education ever discipline dozens of Columbus City Schools principals and other administrators who participated in the district's data scandal?

THE DAILY BRIEFING: ROB SECAUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OHIO GOP

The Ohio Republican Party has a new person in charge of the day-to-day operations.

THE DAILY BRIEFING: JOANNA SAUL HIRED AS PLANNED PARENTHOOD STATE LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

Joanna Saul has a new job with Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio as vice president of government affairs and public advocacy.

Dayton Daily News

www.daytondailynews.com

2 REASONS ONE DEMOCRAT SAYS 'OHIO IS GOING IN A TERRIBLE DIRECTION'

Ohio Democratic Party Chairman David Pepper will visit Butler County tonight to talk about the upcoming statewide political cycle.

WEST CHESTER WEIGHS IN ON OHIO'S 'RIGHT-TO-WORK' LEGISLATION

West Chester Twp. trustees say it would be great if Ohio turned into a "right to work" state, because then the township wouldn't have to.

THE PLAIN DEALER

TALK IT OUT: SHOULD OHIO BECOME A 'RIGHT TO WORK' STATE?

Legislation has been introduced for a second time that would allow Ohio to join the growing ranks of states limiting union membership and collective bargaining. The measure was placed before state lawmakers Monday.

CURSIVE HANDWRITING BACK IN SCHOOLS? SOME LEGISLATORS WANT TO REQUIRE IT

Some state legislators have renewed efforts from two years ago to bring cursive handwriting back to Ohio's elementary schools.

JOSH MANDEL'S SENATE CAMPAIGN NAMES PORTAGE COUNTY CHAIRWOMAN - - BUT IT'S NEWS TO HER

Senate candidate Josh Mandel's announcement that he had recruited campaign chairs in each of Ohio's 88 counties caught at least one person by surprise: Janet Esposito, the woman he listed as leading the charge for him in Portage County.

OHIO TEACHERS WOULD HAVE TO JOB SHADOW AT A BUSINESS TO RENEW LICENSES UNDER GOV. JOHN KASICH'S BUDGET

Ohio teachers would have to job shadow someone in a local business to renew their licenses under a provision in Gov. John Kasich's state budget proposal.

SUPERINTENDENTS: CUT STATE TESTS, END A'S AND F'S ON STATE REPORT CARDS

The state should stop grading schools and school districts with A through F grades, while also cutting the amount of state tests and making sure the tests help teachers teach students better, a group of local superintendents says.

ED FITZGERALD STILL HAS MONEY IN HIS CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT. HERE'S HOW HE HAS BEEN SPENDING IT

Ed FitzGerald, the former Cuyahoga County executive who has kept out of the public eye since an unsuccessful bid for governor more than two years ago, continues to draw from a campaign account that started 2017 with a balance of nearly \$85,000.

STATE IS IGNORING THE PUBLIC'S WISHES IN ITS ESSA PLAN, 10 LOCAL SUPERINTENDENTS SAY

A group of local superintendents and other educators questioned Monday the Ohio Department of Education's avoidance of any real changes the public sought in its proposed state education plan under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

BID TO BAN OHIO SANCTUARY CITIES A CRAVEN POLITICAL PLOY: EDITORIAL

What does it mean to be a sanctuary city? To Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel, it seems, nothing more nor less than another stepping stone to higher office.

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KASICH: TEACHERS SHOULD JOB SHADOW WITH BUSINESSES TO RENEW LICENSES

Teachers would have to complete "externships" – essentially, a high-level job shadow – with a local business to renew their licenses under a provision in Gov. John Kasich's budget proposal.

JOHN KASICH WOULD BLOCK ACCESS TO HEROIN DEATH REVIEWS

Gov. John Kasich's budget would give counties a new way to review drug overdose deaths, but many components of those investigations into Ohio's drug epidemic could be shielded from public view.

OHIO DEMS HUNGRY FOR 2018 WIN, BUT IN LIMBO ON GOVERNOR'S RACE

Ohio Democrats have no shortage of "maybes" lining up for the 2018 governor's race, with a dozen candidates pondering a bid.

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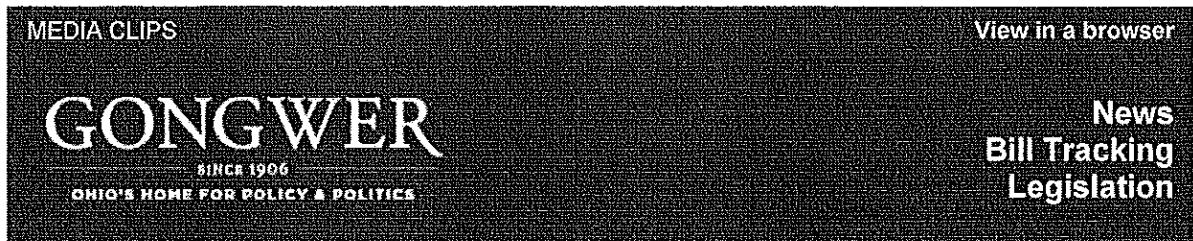
MANDEL LISTS CAMPAIGN LEADERS FOR SENATE BID

Republican Senate candidate Josh Mandel has named campaign chairmen for his planned 2018 U.S. Senate run in every county.

SECAUR NAMED GOP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ohio Republican Chairman Jane Timken appointed Rob Secaur as the state party's new executive director.

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Ohio bill: Kill the tampon tax (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/16/2017)

Andrew Puzder, Trump's Cleveland-born labor secretary nominee, withdraws amid controversy (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/16/2017)

Gov. John Kasich headed for Germany, England (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/16/2017)

Marsy's Law for Ohio begins campaign for crime victim ballot initiative (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/16/2017)

Ohio congress members Marcia Fudge, Tim Ryan back Jaime Harrison of SC for DNC chair (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/16/2017)

Talk it out: Should Ohio become a 'right to work' state? (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/16/2017)

Sherrod Brown, 10 other senators, call for special investigation of Flynn (Columbus Dispatch, 2/16/2017)

Sherrod Brown, Ohio labor leader glad that Puzder withdrew (Columbus Dispatch, 2/16/2017)

The Daily Briefing: It's official, Portman supports Gorsuch for Supreme Court (Columbus Dispatch, 2/16/2017)

The Daily Briefing: Kasich talking security, jobs in Germany, United Kingdom (Columbus Dispatch, 2/16/2017)

Crime victims seek more rights and protections in Ohio constitution (Dayton Daily News, 2/16/2017)

Ohio working on marijuana 'seed to sale' tracking (Dayton Daily News, 2/16/2017)

Should Ohio schools start after Labor Day? (Dayton Daily News, 2/16/2017)

Some speed limits in Ohio may change daily depending on traffic (Dayton Daily News, 2/16/2017)

Ohio clears wording of cocaine sentencing (Toledo Blade, 2/16/2017)

EDITORIALS

Trump, Flynn and the Russian link (Akron Beacon Journal, 2/16/2017)

Editorial: Enrollment drop is real problem (Columbus Dispatch, 2/16/2017)

Escaping DeVos (Toledo Blade, 2/16/2017)

We owe them (Toledo Blade, 2/16/2017)

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Tom Brinkman, Jr.
State Representative, 27th District
MEMORANDUM

To: All House Members
From: Representative Tom Brinkman, Jr.
Date: February 17th, 2017
RE: Private Sector Right to Work

I will soon be introducing Private Sector Right to Work legislation. Our neighboring states of Michigan, Kentucky, West Virginia, and Indiana have passed Right to Work, and it is long overdue here in Ohio.

This important bill will help make Ohio businesses more competitive and prosperous by eliminating forced union dues and memberships. **No one should be forced to pay a union to get or keep a job.**

If you are interested in co-sponsoring please contact my legislative aide Josh Miller at 614-644-6886 or Josh.Miller@ohiohouse.gov by the close of business on March 3rd.

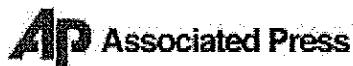
Thank you,

Tom Brinkman, Jr.
Ohio House of Representatives
District 27

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HOUSE E-CLIPS

2/24/2017



OHIO, WISCONSIN KICK-START TALKS ON MANAGING TRUMP EFFECT

Republican legislative leaders from Ohio and Wisconsin are working together, hoping other states will join them, as they prepare for changes in how the federal government under President Donald Trump deals with states.

KASICH CLEARED TO GIVE STATE OF THE STATE SPEECH IN SANDUSKY

Ohio lawmakers have signed off on the governor's plan to deliver his annual State of the State speech in Sandusky.

OHIO TASK FORCE FINDS MIXED PROGRESS ON COLLEGE COST-CUTTING

The group said too few schools have identified how resources will improve college affordability and education quality.

The Columbus Dispatch

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TRUMP-ERA CHALLENGES BRING OHIO, WISCONSIN LEADERS TOGETHER

Republican legislative leaders from Ohio and Wisconsin came together Thursday for what they hope will be an ongoing collaborative effort to prepare for when the Trump administration begins handing states more authority.

PLAN WOULD CUT PENALTY FOR MISSING FRONT PLATE

Ohio lawmakers took a small step toward reducing the penalty for missing front license plates and exempted natural gas fleets from taxation in changes Thursday to the proposed state transportation budget.

LT. GOV. TAYLOR CREATES GUBERNATORIAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

It comes as no surprise, but Mary Taylor now is a formal candidate in the crowded field for the Republican nomination for governor in 2018.

KASICH SUMMONED TO HELP CRAFT MEDICAID SOLUTION AMID OBAMACARE REPEAL

Ohio Gov. John Kasich is among a small group of governors being called upon by congressional Republicans to help craft a solution to the Medicaid expansion conundrum amid the repeal and replacement of Obamacare.

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NEW RULES SET FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA USE IN OHIO

Ohio is taking steps to make sure medical marijuana isn't pitched in a way that is attractive to kids by banning cartoon characters, candy look-alikes and fruit shapes and requiring child-resistant packaging.

OHIO STEP CLOSER TO RAISING LICENSE PLATE, DRIVER'S LICENSE FEES

The Ohio House is scheduled to vote on a transportation budget bill Tuesday that includes increases in fees paid for vehicle plates and driver's licenses.

L.T. GOV. MARY TAYLOR SIGNALS SHE'S RUNNING FOR GOVERNOR IN 2018

Republican Mary Taylor signaled on Thursday that she wants the top job when she filed paperwork for a new campaign committee titled: "Mary Taylor for Governor."

THE PLAIN DEALER

MARY TAYLOR FOR GOVERNOR LAUNCHES

In the surest sign yet that she will run for governor in 2018, Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor has formed a committee that allows her to begin campaigning and raising money for what stands to be a tough Republican primary.

OHIO CITIES COULD STOP PAYING PREVAILING WAGE TO CONSTRUCTION

WORKERS UNDER PROPOSED BILL

Local governments could opt out of paying Ohio's prevailing wage on public construction projects under a new proposal from state Sen. Matt Huffman.

SEAN SPICER HEADLINING D.C. FUNDRAISER FOR OHIO SEN. FRANK LAROSE

White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer is headlining a Washington, D.C. fundraiser for Ohio Sen. Frank LaRose next week, according to a flier for the event.

PROPOSED LIMITS FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA SUPPLY IN OHIO AMONG

STRICTEST

Proposed limits on how much medical marijuana Ohio patients could buy and possess would be among the strictest in the country.

2018 OHIO GOVERNOR'S RACE GETS MORE 'OFFICIAL' WITH MARY TAYLOR: OHIO POLITICS ROUNDUP

Taylor takes the plunge: Ohio Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor on Thursday filed paperwork forming a gubernatorial campaign committee, and a website, www.marytaylorforgovernor.com, cleveland.com's Henry J. Gomez writes.

THE ENQUIRER

SCHOOL SUBSTITUTE WAS NOT CERTIFIED, AUDITOR SAYS

The state auditor is “alarmed” after two local school districts hired a substitute who was not certified.

PARKED VEHICLES WOULDN'T BE CITED FOR MISSING FRONT PLATE

Those who want to eliminate Ohio's front license plate gained an inch Thursday.

GOP EFFORT COULD AX PREVAILING WAGE RULE FOR CONSTRUCTION

WORKERS

Ohio's cities, townships and counties could decide to pay construction workers less than the state-mandated prevailing wage under a new GOP proposal – one that a union leader says abandons the blue-collar mandate from the election of President Donald Trump.

THE BLADE

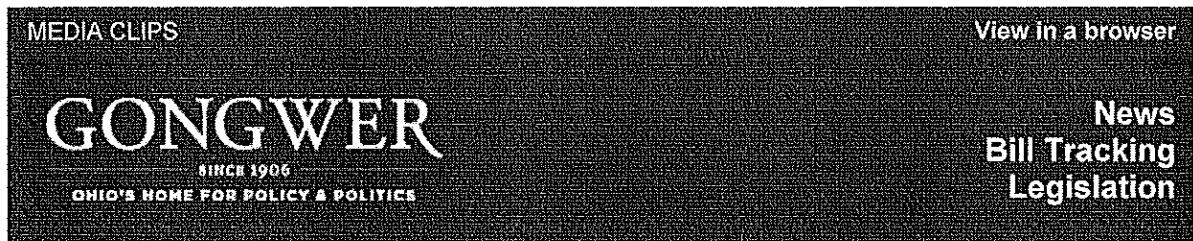
Lt. GOV. TAYLOR ANNOUNCES BID FOR GOVERNOR

Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor, who has the support of current boss Gov. John Kasich, formed a committee Thursday for her own run for governor in 2018.

BUDGET PROVISION WOULD CUT VEHICLE FEES IN COUNTY

A portion of registration fees imposed on commercial vehicles would be cut in Lucas and three other counties, as part of an experiment to see if more trucks register in Ohio as a result, under a proposal headed for a House of Representatives vote next week.

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GOP effort could ax prevailing wage for workers (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/24/2017)

Hundreds gather to protest Mitch McConnell and Donald Trump (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/24/2017)

2018 Ohio governor's race gets more 'official' with Mary Taylor: Ohio Politics Roundup (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/24/2017)

Halt Ohio's ESSA plan until state testing is cut, 150 angry educators, officials tell state (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/24/2017)

Indivisible town hall attendees take on the absent Rob Portman at Cleveland church (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/24/2017)

Ohio cities could stop paying prevailing wage to construction workers under proposed bill (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/24/2017)

Proposed limits for medical marijuana supply in Ohio among strictest (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/24/2017)

**Sean Spicer headlining D.C. fundraiser for Ohio Sen. Frank LaRose
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**Buckeye, Cheesehead leaders team up to tackle Trump-era challenges
(Columbus Dispatch, 2/24/2017)**

**GOP leaders oppose teacher 'externship' plan (Columbus Dispatch,
2/24/2017)**

**Kasich summoned to help craft Medicaid solution amid Obamacare
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**Mary Taylor now formally governor candidate (Columbus Dispatch,
2/24/2017)**

Natural gas tax kicked from budget (Columbus Dispatch, 2/24/2017)

**Trump's transgender policy won't change how most local schools
operate (Columbus Dispatch, 2/24/2017)**

**Who really stopped Dems from attending Portman speech? (Columbus
Dispatch, 2/24/2017)**

**Bills would streamline prescription process for Ohio patients (Dayton
Daily News, 2/24/2017)**

**John Boehner: Repealing Obamacare just 'happy talk' (Dayton Daily
News, 2/24/2017)**

**New rules set for medical marijuana use in Ohio (Dayton Daily News,
2/24/2017)**

Gun silencer bills could spark sales (Toledo Blade, 2/24/2017)

Report finds \$1B in savings in higher ed (Toledo Blade, 2/24/2017)

EDITORIALS

Deportation force, as pledged (Akron Beacon Journal, 2/24/2017)

Editorial: Talking is better than dodging (Columbus Dispatch, 2/24/2017)

Portman under wraps (Toledo Blade, 2/24/2017)

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Kasich Asked to Help with Medicaid Expansion in Obamacare Repeal

Gov. John Kasich has been asked by congressional Republicans to help create a potential Medicaid replacement plan as President Donald Trump and congressional leaders explore repealing and replacing the Affordable Care Act, the *Columbus Dispatch* reports.

<http://www.dispatch.com/news/20170224/kasich-summoned-to-help-craft-medicaid-solution-amid-obamacare-repeal>

Huffman Proposal Would Give Local Governments Out on Prevailing Wage

Sen. Matt Huffman (R-Lima) is expected to introduce legislation that would allow local governments to vote to not require that prevailing wage be paid on local construction projects, which he said would save costs. Union representatives tell the *Cincinnati Enquirer* that the proposal adds to the frustration of blue collar workers in Ohio.

<http://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/politics/2017/02/24/ohio-gop-prevailing-wage-construction-workers-unions-right-to-work/98309916/>

Boehner Predicts Unsuccessful Effort to Completely Repeal Obamacare

Former U.S. House Speaker John Boehner expressed doubts that congressional Republicans will repeal the Affordable Care Act completely because they will not be unable to agree on a replacement, the *Columbus Dispatch* reports. He predicted at a health conference that most of the health law "is going to stay there," including allowing younger Americans to stay on their parents' health insurance plans longer.

<http://www.dispatch.com/news/20170223/boehner-predicts-gop-will-repair-not-replace-obamacare>

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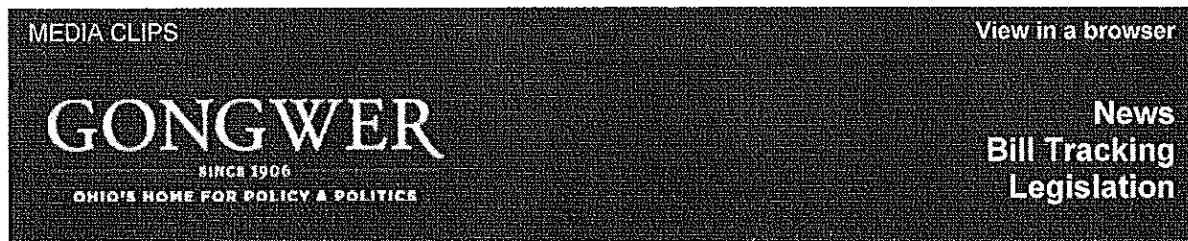
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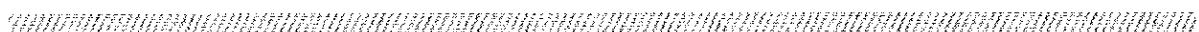


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Kasich cleared to give State of the State speech in Sandusky (Akron Beacon Journal, 2/27/2017)

Ohio bill outlawing marital rape gets no GOP support, again (Akron Beacon Journal, 2/27/2017)

After bitter feud, Kasich and Trump try to mend fences (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/27/2017)

Kasich budget assumes Cincinnati could raise more taxes (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/27/2017)

Kasich to GOP: Full Obamacare repeal 'not acceptable' (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/27/2017)

Portman denies keeping Democrats out of political event (Cincinnati Enquirer, 2/27/2017)

Gov. John Kasich and Rep. Jim Jordan duel on TV over Obamacare repeal (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/27/2017)

Gov. John Kasich talks with President Trump about reforming Obamacare (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/27/2017)

Ohio congress members seek investigation of Jewish community center bomb threats (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/27/2017)

Tom Gunlock, former state school board president, leaves board (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/27/2017)

Capitol Insider: Kasich can relate to Trump's kerfuffles (Columbus Dispatch, 2/27/2017)

Grass-roots foes of Trump, GOP make noise in Ohio (Columbus Dispatch, 2/27/2017)

Kasich says town hall protests might be getting through to Capitol Hill (Columbus Dispatch, 2/27/2017)

Kasich, GOP at odds over Medicaid coverage (Columbus Dispatch, 2/27/2017)

Ohio may pay counties to take inmates off its hands (Columbus Dispatch, 2/27/2017)

Trump has many believers in small-town Ohio (Columbus Dispatch, 2/27/2017)

Kasich fights for federal health care funds (Dayton Daily News, 2/27/2017)

Local governments told to 'open books' (Toledo Blade, 2/27/2017)

Ohio officers tasked with keeping race, gender data (Toledo Blade, 2/27/2017)

EDITORIALS

A better death penalty for Ohio (Akron Beacon Journal, 2/27/2017)

Bickering over Gov. Kasich's traveling State of the State passes for political discourse in Ohio: Thomas Suddes (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/27/2017)

Keep defending Ohio Medicaid expansion, Gov. Kasich: editorial (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 2/27/2017)

Editorial: Victims seek more court leverage (Columbus Dispatch, 2/27/2017)

Governor got this right (Toledo Blade, 2/27/2017)

Right-to-work law still totally wrong for Ohio (Youngstown Vindicator, 2/27/2017)

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2/27/17 – 3/5/17

The Lima News: McColley helps pass state transportation budget

McColley also chairs the House Finance Subcommittee on Transportation, which played a key role in crafting the bill. "House Bill 26 strikes a balance between financing Ohio's transportation priorities while being a responsible watchdog of taxpayer dollars," he said. "A lot of creative ideas and input went into the crafting of this budget, and I am confident that it will help Ohio meet its infrastructure needs in the future."

Gallipolis Daily Tribune: Ohio House passes transportation budget

"This infrastructure package is an important step to rebuild our communities," said House Finance Chair Ryan Smith (R-Bidwell). "The transportation budget makes an investment of \$7.8 billion that will maintain our roads and improve our economic competitiveness."

Cincinnati Business Courier: Cincinnati could reap big benefits from Ohio transportation bill

"We all know there's not enough money to do everything we need to do," said Rep. Doug Green, R-Mount Orab, chairman of the House's transportation committee.

Toledo Blade: Ohio House approves \$7.8B for transportation

"This is a declining revenue source," said Rep. Robert McColley (R, Napoleon), the bill's sponsor. "Ohioans are paying less gas tax now than they have in years past. It's actually getting below the \$8 billion mark."

Circleville Herald: Rep. Scherer Votes for State Transportation Budget

"I am pleased with the passage and to be a co-sponsor of the transportation budget," said Scherer. "This passage allows for us to put funding back into our state's infrastructure and continue growth all across the state of Ohio."

The Morning Journal: Ohio lawmaker's highway bill aims to reach suffering veterans

State Rep. Steve Hambley says it could help remind veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder to reach out for help.

The Morning Journal: Ohio House approves bill on protective orders for dating violence

Rep. Emelia Strong Sykes, an Akron Democrat, and Rep. Nathan Manning, a North Ridgeville Republican, are sponsoring the bill.

Youngstown Vindicator: Pharmacists could offer much cheaper version of EpiPen if Ohio bill becomes law

The Blade reports the bill introduced last week by state Rep. Derek Merrin would allow substitution only with the patient's permission. Doctors still can insist on the brand-name EpiPen. Merrin, a Republican, says he sees the bill as a national model, "free-market solution" to the Mylan pricing issue.

The Morning Journal: Ohio Rep. Wes Rutherford reintroduces bill aimed at curbing elder abuse

State Rep. Wes Rutherford= 2s Elder Justice Act unanimously cleared the Ohio House last year. ... Rutherford, a Hamilton Republican, said changes have been made to the bill to address the issues raised.

Dayton Daily News: Butler County lawmaker re-introduces elder abuse bill

Rutherford said he and now former Ohio Rep. Mike Dovilla, R-Berea, moved in 2014 to put a \$10 million appropriation for Adult Protective Services in the Mid-Biennium Review bill in anticipation of the Elder Justice Act "because that was the number one concern we heard back.= 4

Cincinnati Enquirer: Guest column from Rep. John Becker: New right-to-work bill restores workers' rights

It's about freedom. I authored Ohio House Bill 53 to restore the freedom of association to public-sector employees. This right-to-work legislation provides public-sector workers the freedom to opt out of union representation and dues. A private sector right to work bill will soon be introduced by one of my colleagues in the Ohio House of Representatives.

Mount Vernon News: Goodwill opens in Fredericktown

Rick Carfagna, State Representative of House District 68, was there to give the store an official welcome from the Ohio House of Representatives.

The Findlay Courier: Editorial: SNAP fraud

Two lawmakers, Rep. Tim Schaffer, R-Lancaster, and Sen. Matt Huffman, R-Lima, have proposed legislation that would add photos to food stamp EBT cards in an effort to

reduce "trafficking," in which recipients swap SNAP benefits for money. The bills are worth consideration.

Van Wert Independent: State legislators meet with SWCD staff

State Representative Craig Riedel and State Senator Cliff Hite met this past week with representatives of the Van Wert County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) at the recent annual "Conservation Partnership Meeting" held in downtown Columbus.

The Morrow County Sentinel: Mount Gilead High School seniors engage education experts in discussion

Ohio House Representative from District 87, Wesley A. Goodman also discussed state and national perspectives on education with the students.

Record Herald: Guest column from Speaker Cliff Rosenberger: Coming together to celebrate Ohio history

It is no secret that I am a history enthusiast, especially when it comes to the stories of our state and nation. This week marked Ohio's 214th birthday, 214 years since its official induction into the United States.

Circleville Herald: Rep. Scherer honors essay winner

"I was honored to be able to recognize Kalila for her tremendous work in this competition and I was pleased to be able to discuss her passion for the issues she addressed in her writing piece," Scherer said.

Sentinel-Tribune: Gavarone appointed to House Finance Committee

"I am honored by the speaker's decision to appoint me to House Finance Committee," Gavarone said. "I am excited to work with Chairman Smith and the other members of the Finance Committee as we move towards delivering a budget that benefits all citizens of Ohio."

Salem News: State Representative honors Wilson as state champion

"It was an absolute privilege to honor Jared with a resolution today," Ginter said. "Jared is a tremendously talented golfer, but also a very dedicated student for which he should be commended. I believe that Jared has a very bright future ahead."

Record Herald: Peterson discusses tax policy with municipal leaders

"It's important that we, as members of the House and Senate continue to meet with the representatives of our local municipalities, especially during the budget season," said Representative Anielski. "Hearing their concerns allows us to craft a better, more responsive budget for the state of Ohio that works well on every level of governance."

WCMH: Ohio lawmakers hold first hearing on 'Judy's Law'

"The judge and the prosecutor did their job the best they could under current law," Hughes said. "It's now time for us in the legislature to do our job to ensure that victims like Judy receive the justice they deserve."

WSPD: Ohio lawmakers want harsher penalties for distracted driving

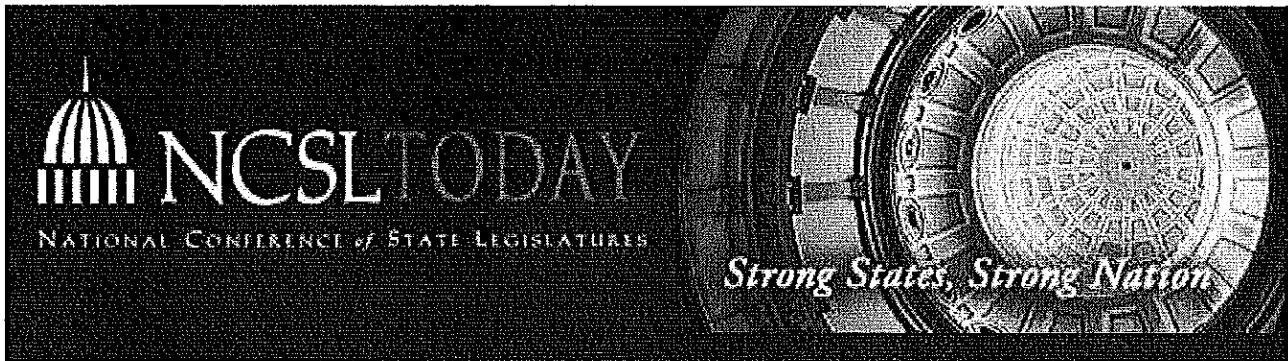
"Law enforcement at that time would determine that distracted driving was the cause of the primary or contributing factor. The law enforcement officer could then charge an additional charge on with that which would be a minor misdemeanor," Hughes says.

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How Trump's health budget would impact states

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Medicaid, children's health insurance and chronic disease programs would be first to feel the weight of the president's proposals.

Wisconsin seeks to be first to drug test Medicaid applicants

Associated Press

Gov. Scott Walker wants to make Wisconsin the first state in the country to require childless adults applying for Medicaid to undergo drug screening, a move that could serve as a national model. **NCSL research cited.**

Lawsuit asks judge to block Kentucky's right-to-work law

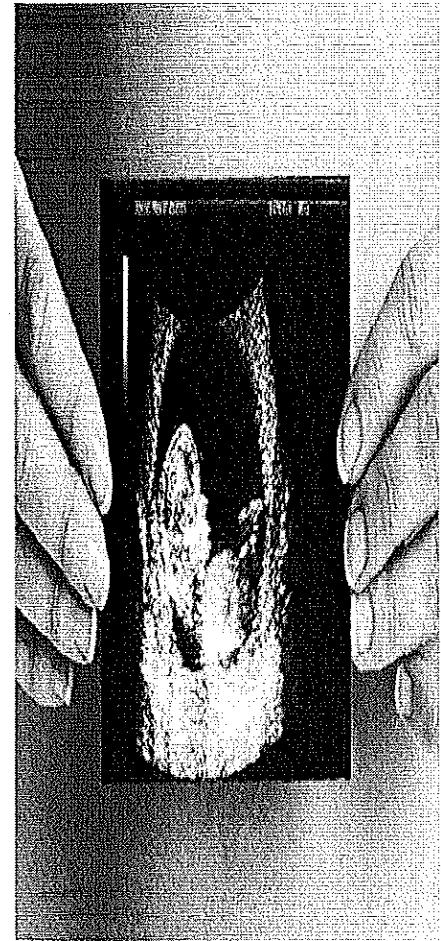
Associated Press

Organized labor struck back Thursday against Kentucky's right-to-work law, filing a lawsuit that claims the ban on mandatory union fees in workplaces violates the state's Constitution.

Montana revenues are falling behind projections

The Missoulian

State tax collections are 3.8 percent lower than legislators predicted when they built the two-year budget, which could trigger cuts to programs and services at the end of fiscal year 2017.



State Legislatures magazine: Walking a tightrope

States are balancing the rights of addicted women with the health needs of their developing babies.



Indiana lawmakers to study state's alcohol laws

Associated Press

Legislative leaders formally announced Thursday that they will form a study commission to look at ways to overhaul Indiana's antiquated and confounding alcohol laws.

Departing from 'sanctuary cities,' some sheriffs embrace immigration enforcement role

Stateline

A variety of local officials, from conservative sheriffs in Texas to a liberal county executive in New Jersey, are embracing a vigorous form of local immigration enforcement.

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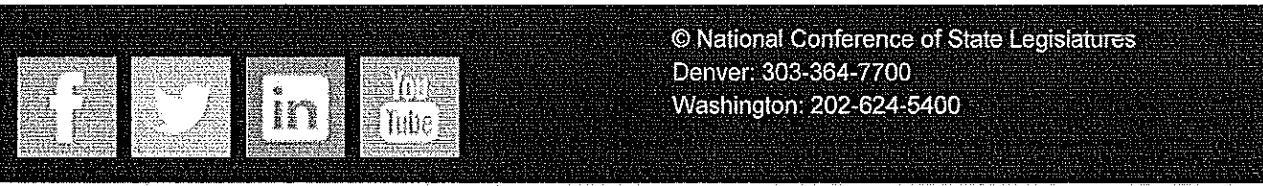
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State Legislatures magazine: Big data can work for you

Some say the only thing governments are good at is collecting taxes. Truth is, they're even better at collecting data. They collect so much, in fact, that the challenge for states is figuring out how best to use it all, as NCSL's Allison Hiltz reports in this month's State Legislatures magazine.



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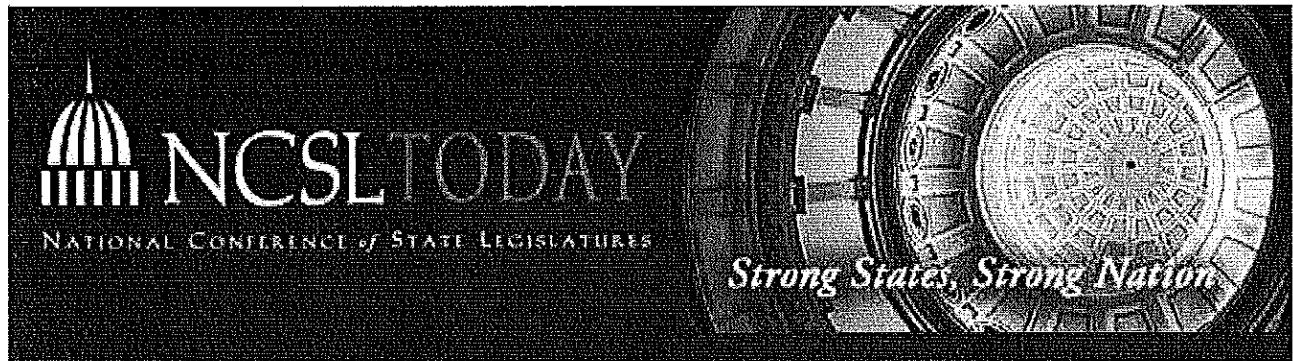
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State election officials fear feds are making security worse

Governing

Secretaries of state are concerned about not just the federal government's request for voter information but also the information they're not getting about election security breaches.

U.S. appeals court upholds Wisconsin's right-to-work law

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

A federal appeals court on Wednesday upheld Wisconsin's law that bars collective bargaining agreements requiring workers to pay union fees.

Five states face budget uncertainty in new fiscal year

Reuters

Connecticut, Wisconsin and Rhode Island's legislatures have not yet passed a budget, while Massachusetts' budget awaits action from state Governor Charlie Baker to either sign or veto it. NCSL's Erica MacKeller quoted.

Medical pot industry wants in on soaring pot sales

The Chicago Tribune

Sales of products containing CBD, or cannabidiol, increased 30 percent to \$262 million nationwide last year, according to the Hemp Business Journal. By

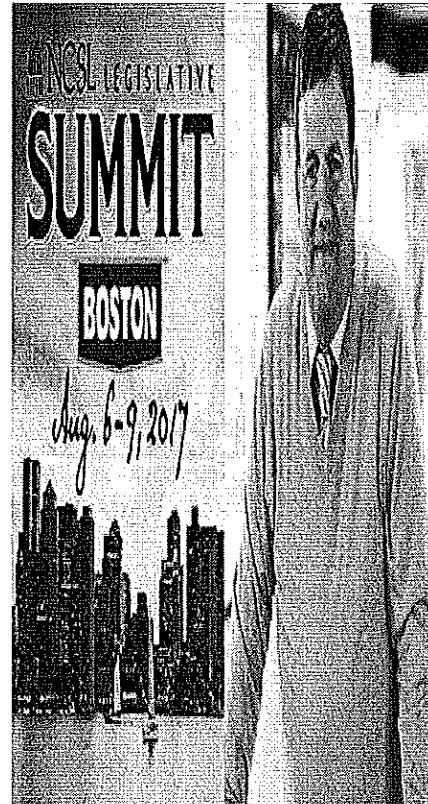


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Commentator/pollster Frank Luntz featured speaker at Legislative Summit

Frank Luntz is one of the nation's foremost political commentators and pollsters. Known as the Focus Group Czar, he captures the attitudes of American voters on politics, policies and the direction of the country. He will speak during Tuesday's general session

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2020, the industry trade journal projects that figure to leap to more than \$1 billion, with most of those sales from hemp, not medical marijuana. **NCSL research cited.**

California lawmakers delay climate vote amid push for affordable housing

The Los Angeles Times

While conversations over climate change have dominated recent debate at the Capitol, California lawmakers are accelerating bills to address the state's housing affordability crisis, and may vote on a series of measures before they break for summer recess next Friday.

State lotteries fight 'jackpot fatigue,' casino competition

Stateline

With lottery proceeds flat or declining, and states reluctant to raise taxes to make up the difference, pressure is mounting to keep players playing and money rolling in.

Capitol to Capitol state-federal newsletter

Friday webinar: Cybertechnology and the law

The Canvass elections newsletter



States tackling 'balance billing' issue

The practice of a provider billing a patient for the difference between what they received in reimbursement from an insurance carrier and what they actually charge for their services is known as balance billing, or a surprise bill, and it's not uncommon.



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Importance: High

Dear Colleagues:

Our Superintendent/CEO Dr. Dan Good will announce today that he will retire (again) at the end of December and step down as leader of Ohio's largest school district. Though we will be losing an impactful partner in our shared efforts, we celebrate his success and leadership in restoring integrity and public confidence in Columbus City Schools.

You will recall that Dr. Good was appointed Superintendent in 2013, just days after he initially retired as Superintendent of Westerville City Schools. Our community put him right to work.

Over the past fifty months, he has proven to be an effective and outspoken leader in guiding significant academic gains, improving budget accountability, and creating new partnerships across the private and non-profit sectors. So much has been accomplished and our District is back on a sustainable positive trajectory with the right people and processes firmly in place.

Consider these gains the Board and Dr. Good shared today:

- Access to high quality pre-Kindergarten experiences was boosted by 22%.
- A district-wide and community-wide all-hands-in effort on primary reading more than doubled the percentage of 3rd graders promotable to 4th grade four years in a row.
- More students with Limited English Proficiency and Special Needs were better served - more than any other district in the region.
- Achievement gaps that historically separated student groups were virtually eliminated in 26 schools.
- The historic step to offer both breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge prevented the lack of steady access to a nutritional meal from being a barrier to learning.
- Columbus' first Gifted Academy opened for students with superior cognitive skills and talent.
- Local businesses and labor helped CCS transform career tech so more students graduate with in-demand career skills and often jobs in hand.
- A growing number of graduates can afford to go to college, with the Class of 2017 earning a record-breaking \$72 million in scholarships and grants.

- Taxpayer investments in the District were protected by reducing administrative overhead, trimming the annual budget by \$50 million in 2015, closing under-utilized schools and selling unneeded properties, and launching a much-needed \$125-million bond-supported infrastructure repair program to address years of deferred maintenance.
- Protective digital and physical data review systems now provide constant updates on vital compliance measurements for enrollment, attendance and academic measures, further ensuring the fidelity and accuracy of student-related data.
- Key systems and sustainable measures are now in place to ensure that the District can move forward without losing momentum while my colleagues on the Board and I begin the search for Dr. Good's replacement.

At this point, no timetable has been set. The District is focusing its primary efforts on a stable and successful start to the new school year (which begins on August 23) and in resolving current contract negotiations with the District's teachers and classified staff. In the following weeks, the Board pledges to have a public-engaged approach to identify and measure the essential qualities this community needs in a new superintendent and then begin a thorough search process.

I hope you will join me in thanking Dr. Good for his leadership and honoring his work within the District, across our communities, and in selfless service to the nearly 52,000 students who represent the future of our great city.

I will be reaching out to you directly in the near term in case you have any additional questions or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support.

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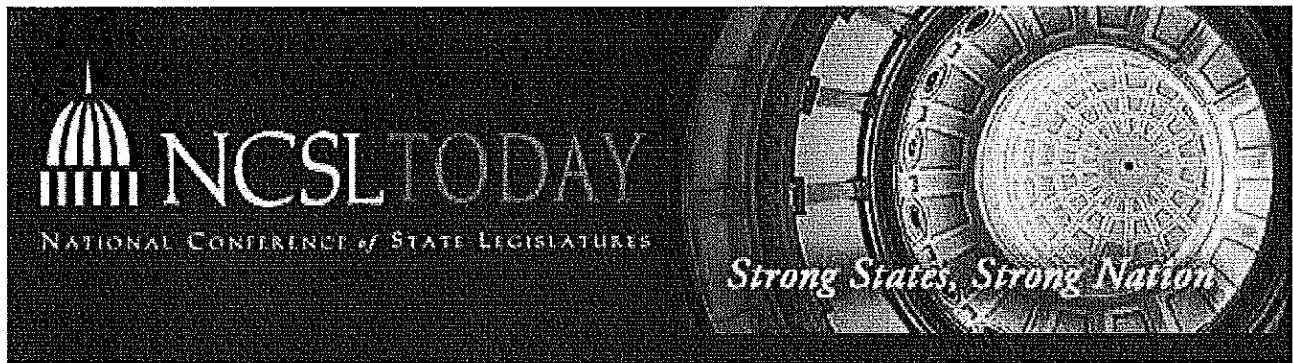
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States take action to combat child abuse

Stateline

Spurred by high-profile cases of endangered children and chronically overworked caseworkers, many states have taken steps this year to shield children from abuse and neglect, including adding caseworkers, tightening reporting requirements and expanding the definition of "abuse."

NCSL resources on state strategies to prevent child injuries and abuse.

Massachusetts attorney general sues Equifax over data hack

CNBC

Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey filed a lawsuit on Tuesday against credit reporting firm Equifax following a breach that exposed the personal data of as many as 143 million people, including 3 million in the state.

States face fiscal challenges as Congress weighs tax reform

The Hill

State governments are likely to face a new round of budget cuts and belt-tightening as revenue growth slows, due in part to uncertainty over whether Congress will reform the federal tax code.

Wisconsin appeals court upholds 'right-to-work' law, dealing blow to unions

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel



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Preventing child and adolescent injuries and violence

As more evidence becomes available about the long-lasting effects of early harmful events—including their personal and financial impacts—policymakers are increasingly exploring whether states have a role in preventing and mitigating such experiences.

GOP Gov. Scott Walker and Republican lawmakers in 2015 approved the law, which prohibits labor contracts that require all workers in certain job classifications — including those who don't want to belong to a union — to pay union fees.

NCSL right-to-work resources.

Tennessee reinstates work requirements for food stamp recipients

Nashville Tennessean

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam and administration officials today announced plans to reinstate federal work requirements for "able-bodied" adults without dependents for eligibility in the federal food stamp program.

The next big technology to transform government

Governing

It's called blockchain. Some say it will have a bigger impact than the internet.



State efforts promote hybrid and electric vehicles

Register now for the NCSL Capitol Forum Dec. 10-13 in Coronado, Calif.

Capitol to Capitol: One last attempt to repeal Obamacare



National Voter Registration Day is fast-approaching

Given that voting is the foundation of the American republic, it is fitting that we will soon celebrate National Voter Registration Day on Sept. 26.



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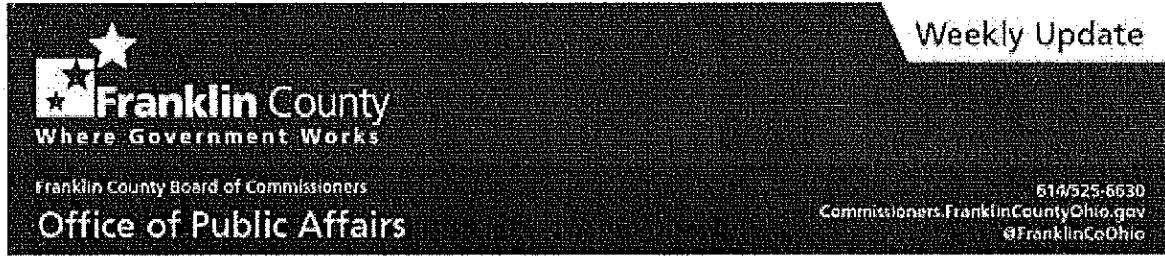
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Commissioners' General Session Agenda for 10/03/2017

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners holds its General Session meetings every Tuesday at 9:00am in the Franklin County Government Office Tower at 373 South High Street, 26th Floor. Highlighted below are some of the resolutions/contracts scheduled for consideration at the upcoming meeting:

Short-Term Support for Vulnerable Residents

Franklin County must update its Prevention, Retention, and Contingency (PRC) Plan at least every two years, and the Department of Job and Family Services has a resolution before the commissioners on Tuesday to certify the PRC Plan for the 2018-2019 Federal Fiscal Biennium. PRC dollars can be used to help eligible families in an emergency to avoid eviction, ensure their utilities won't be shut off, pay an auto repair bill or buy a bus pass to make it easier to get and keep a job. Among changes to the plan is an increase in the amount of yearly aid from \$1,000 to \$1,500, and allowing individuals to apply for more than one category of need on a single application.

Commissioners Oppose to "Right-to-Work" Legislation

The Franklin County Board of Commissioners has long been a strong supporter and proponent the rights of Ohio's public employees to organize and bargain as collective units, and has expressed this position on many occasions, including in 2011 by adopting Resolution 0133-11 which opposed the passage of Ohio Substitute Senate Bill 5. On Tuesday, the commissioners are expected to adopt a resolution declaring their strong opposition to any effort by the Ohio General Assembly to pass legislation that attempts to weaken organized labor in the state of Ohio, and their strong support for the public sector employees that strengthen our communities and our state.

For the complete General Session Agenda, visit: <https://commissioners.franklincountyohio.gov/public-meetings/general-session>

Commissioners' Weekly Agenda 10/01/2017 through 10/07/2017

Free Flu Shot Clinic (Tuesday, October 3 from 6-8 p.m.)

Getting your annual flu shot is the first and most important step in protecting against the flu. Not only will you protect yourself but you will protect your loved ones and coworkers, too. If you have not gotten your flu shot yet this season, get one now. They are readily available through any local pharmacy or your doctor. Franklin County Public Health is hosting a flu shot clinic at the Franklin County Fairgrounds (4100 Columbia St., Hilliard) on Tuesday evening. Free flu shots will be offered to anyone 6 months & older.

[Click here for more info](#)

Homework and Reading at the Library (Saturday, October 7 at 10:15 a.m.)

Commissioner Marilyn Brown will be reading to children and helping them with their homework on Saturday at the Columbus Metropolitan Library's K-3 Resource Fair (Main Library, 96 S. Grant St.). The event theme is Fall In Love With Reading, and it is open to all children. Those who participate will receive free books to take home.

National Girl Scouts Convention (Saturday, October 7 at 2 p.m.)

Commissioner Brown will be speaking at the national Girl Scouts convention at the Great Columbus Convention Center (400 N. High St.) on Saturday. The three-day event, called G.I.R.L. 2017 is expected to draw more than 10,000 of the brightest, toughest, and most capable girls and women in the world to our community. G.I.R.L. stands for Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader. Commissioner Brown was both a Girl Scout and a Girl Scout leader.

Upcoming Holiday Closure (Monday, October 9)

Franklin County offices will be closed on Monday, October 9 in observance of Columbus Day.

For the Weekly Agenda of Official Public Meetings, visit: <https://commissioners.franklincountyohio.gov/public-meetings>

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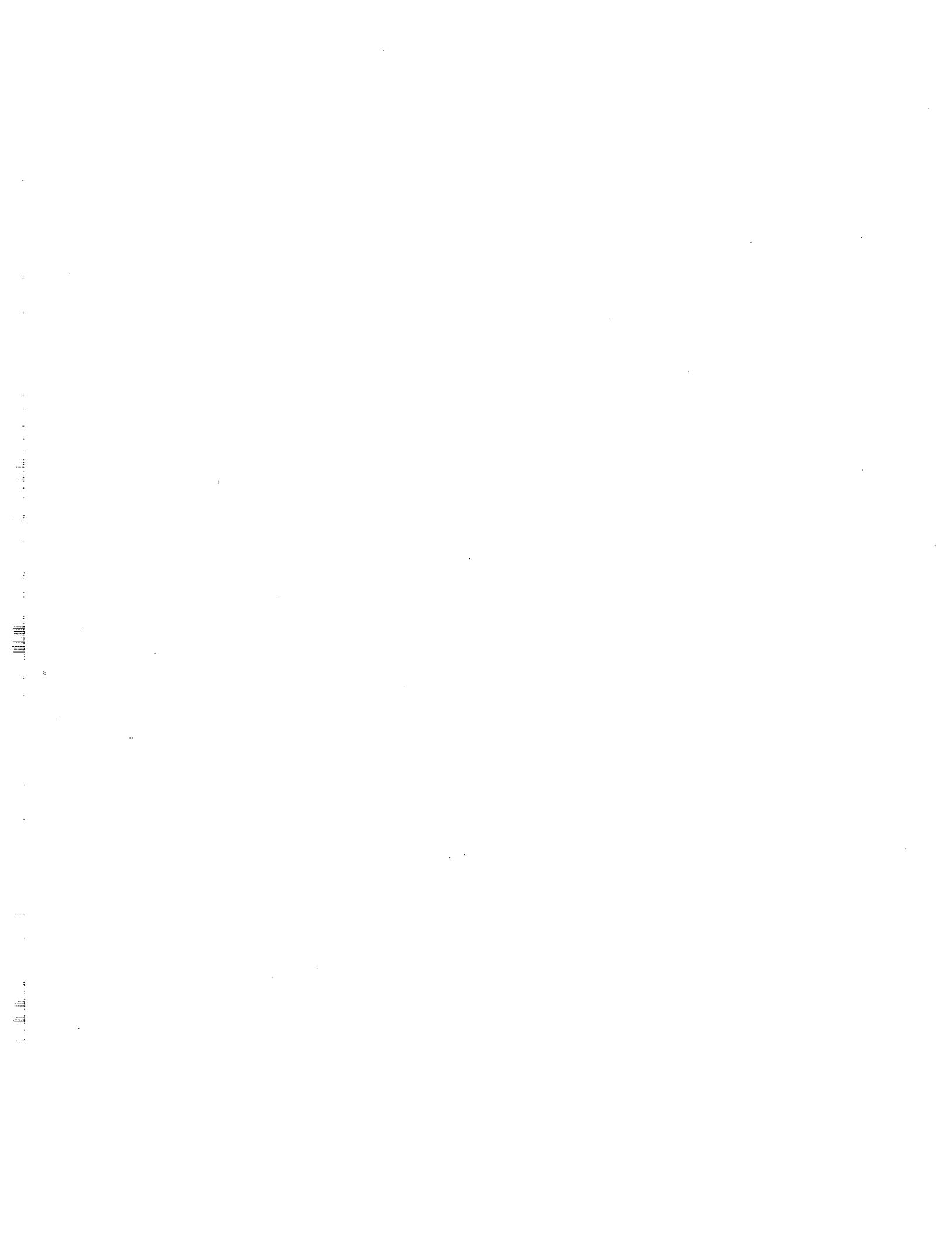
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Friday, November 3, 2017 | EDITION #2

**WELCOME! A LETTER FROM COMMISSIONER
MARILYN BROWN**

Welcome to the November edition of Commissioner Connection! As you'll see, it is an exciting time to be a Franklin County resident. We're very proud to have hosted almost 3,000 county commissioners from around the nation at the recent National Association of Counties annual conference here in Franklin County, and we're ready to break ground next week on the county's new jail and corrections center, which will replace the current downtown jail facility. [READ MORE](#)



NEW AMERICANS ADD TO THE SPICE OF LIFE IN FRANKLIN COUNTY

Franklin County is the largest in the State of Ohio with a population of 1.3 million, and at our current rate of growth, our population is expected to increase by 500,000 in the coming decades. Franklin County is also home to approximately a quarter of Ohio's New American population, with growing numbers of residents from Somalia, Bhutan, Iraq, Burma, Ethiopia, Japan, Sierra Leone, Jamaica, Liberia, India and China. More than half of this immigrant population arrived in Central Ohio in just the last 10 years.



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SPOTLIGHT ON A COUNTY EMPLOYEE



Each year, the Franklin County Dog Shelter takes in more than 11,000 dogs, and Field Supervisor Jodi Kroeger and her deputies bring in most of them. Jodi is a Deputy Dog Warden on the enforcement side of the Department of Animal Care and Control, and helps to supervise more than 20 Wardens and Dispatchers who operate the department's 11 animal control trucks throughout Franklin County picking up loose dogs, protecting public safety, and enforcing the laws in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 955. As such, the

Deputy Wardens constitute a law enforcement agency, and their first mission is always public safety, but the employees' first love is the animals themselves. [READ MORE](#)

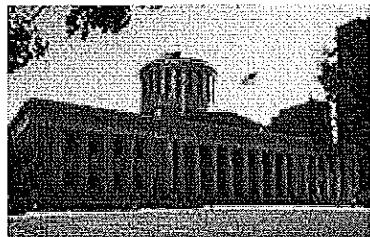
STEP UP TO QUALITY

Officials at the commissioners' Job & Family Services department are urging child care providers to prepare now for new state requirements that don't go into effect until 2020 because there is so much is at stake - for everyone. [READ MORE](#)



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RIGHT TO WORK, RIGHT TO ORGANIZE



On October 3rd, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners adopted resolution 711-17 in support of Central Ohio residents to bargain collectively in their employment, and in opposition of any so-called Right to Work legislation before the Ohio General Assembly. They also sent a letter to Franklin County's delegation to the Ohio House and Senate laying out their support for Ohio employees and opposition to such legislation. [READ MORE](#)

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STAR HOUSE SERVES CENTRAL OHIO HOMELESS YOUTH

Since 2015, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners has joined in supporting Star House a non-profit drop-in center for homeless youth that provides young people with food, clothing, rest, healthcare, substance abuse counselling, job-seeking skills, education support, and housing help. Star House opened its doors in 2006 as a partner organization of The Ohio State



University, and since then has opened a new, 14,000 square-foot facility to better meet the needs of street-living youth. The prior facility was 1,800 square feet and could only serve 25 youth at a time. [READ MORE](#)

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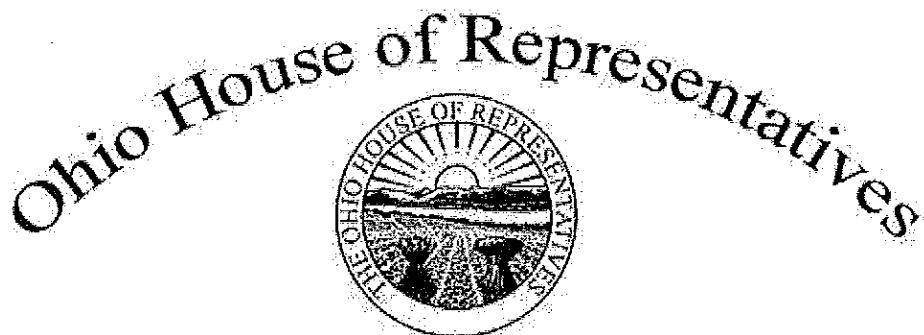
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Representative John Becker
Ohio's 65th House District

MEMORANDUM

To: GOP House Members
From: Representative John Becker
Date: Friday, December 15, 2017
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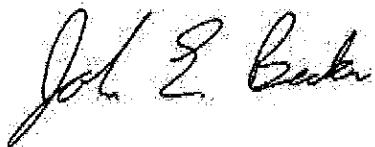
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2. Public-sector Right-to-Work – This is about freedom of association. Like for the private sector, no worker should be required to subsidize a union as a condition of employment.

3. Public-sector Prevailing Wage – Repeals the requirement for taxpayers to pay artificially inflated wages, rather than those that are market-based.
4. Public-sector Paycheck Protection – This prohibits state and local government employers from withholding union dues or fees from workers' wages. Additionally, unions will be prohibited from spending workers' money on political activities without workers' consent.
5. Public-sector Project Labor Agreements – This is the Michigan model approved by the US Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. State and local government entities will be prohibited from engaging in contracts that minimize competition for construction projects by requiring that only union or non-union labor can be considered. A level playing field will be required.
6. Public-sector Union Recertification – Requires annual reconsideration and recertification of workers' bargaining units. This will open up competition for new bargaining units, will give workers a chance to have their voices heard, and will make union leadership accountable to their membership.

These proposals simply ask the General Assembly to put them on the ballot for the people to vote on them individually. Twenty-eight states and four out of five of Ohio's neighboring states have enacted Right-to-Work laws. Clearly, the nation's future is for all workers to have the right to work free of the burden of mandated union payments as a condition of employment. Ohio is being left behind, and it is time for the people to decide Ohio's future.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation or have any questions, please contact Joe Michalowski at (614) 466-8134 or joe.michalowski@ohiohouse.gov. Please indicate which constitutional amendment(s) you wish to co-sponsor. **The deadline to co-sponsor is Wednesday, December 20, 2017, at 4:00 P.M.**

Thank you for your time and consideration of this legislation.



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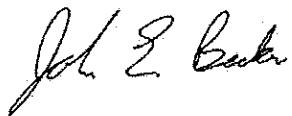
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LEHNER'S BILL AIMS TO CHANGE OHIO TEACHER EVALUATION SYSTEM

The Ohio Teacher Evaluation System (OTES) could see significant changes if a bill recently introduced by State Sen. Peggy Lehner (R-Kettering) becomes law.

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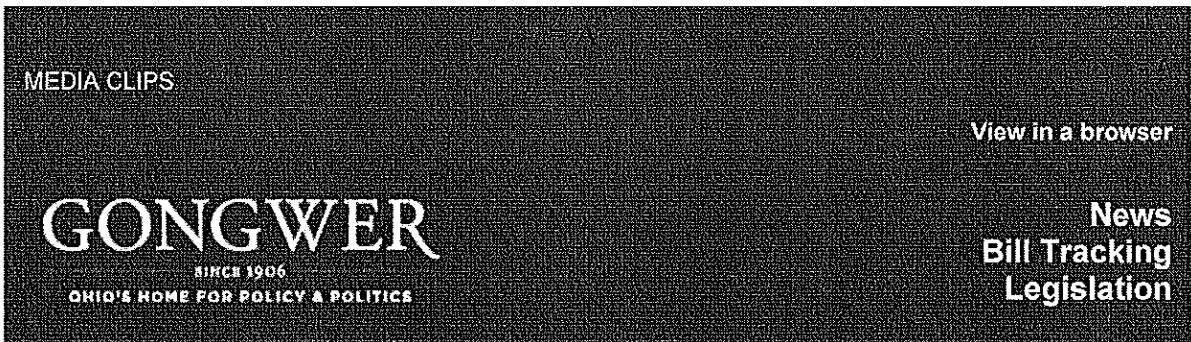
'RIGHT TO WORK' IN OHIO? GOP LAWMAKER WANTS VOTERS TO CHOOSE

Undeterred by the acrimonious fight over Senate Bill 5, GOP Rep. John Becker wants voters to choose whether Ohio should become a right-to-work state.

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Tax revision almost law; one more vote left (Columbus Dispatch, 12/20/2017)

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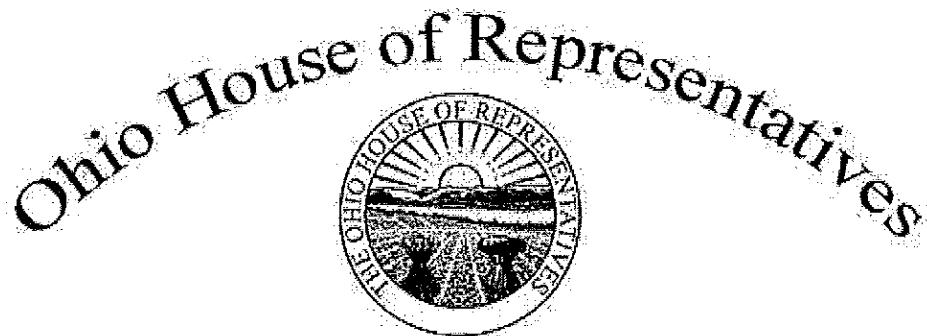
Each of the six amendments would appear on Ohio's general election ballot on November 3, 2020.

The current co-sponsors of all six are: Rep. Thompson, Rep. Brinkman, Rep. Dean, Rep. Keller, Rep. Roegner, and Rep. Zeltwanger. Rep. Lang is a co-sponsor on the following constitutional amendments: private-sector right-to-work (amendment #1); public-sector prevailing wage (amendment #3); and public-

sector project labor agreements (amendment #5).

Rep. Vitale is a co-sponsor on public-sector right-to-work (amendment #2).

Revised deadline to co-sponsor is TODAY at 5:00 PM. Please note which constitutional amendment(s) you wish to co-sponsor.



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Ohio's 82nd House District

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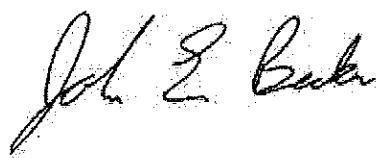
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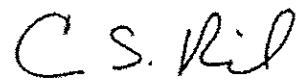
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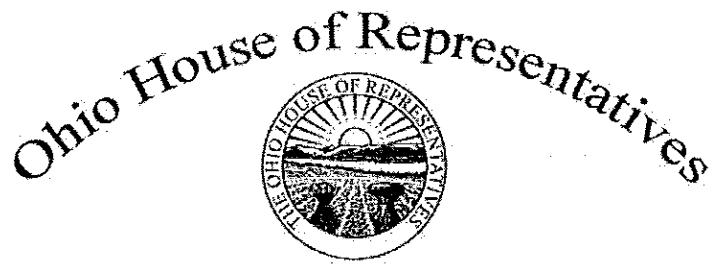
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HJR 9

PREVAILING WAGE (Becker, J., Riedel, C.) Proposing to enact Section 43 of Article II of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to prohibit a public authority from requiring a contractor on a public improvement to pay the contractor's workers the prevailing rate of wages for work performed on the public improvement.

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HJR 10

PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS (Becker, J., Riedel, C.) Proposing to enact Section 2 of Article XV of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to prohibit certain requirements or prohibitions regarding labor agreements in government contracts.

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HJR 11

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING (Becker, J., Riedel, C.) Proposing to enact Section 12 of Article XV of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to subject any public employee collective bargaining representative to an annual election to remain certified as the exclusive representative.

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HJR 12

UNION DUES (Becker, J., Riedel, C.) Proposing to enact Section 12 of Article XV of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to prohibit dues and other fees payable to an employee organization from being deducted from the payroll check of a public employee and to prohibit those dues and fees from being used for political purposes unless authorized by the public employee.

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HB 454

CEMETERY LOTS (Patterson, J., Arndt, S.) To require a township to compensate the owner of certain unused cemetery lots and rights which the township reenters after lack of response from the owner. Am. 517.073

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Senate Activity for Thursday, December 21, 2017

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SB 246

STUDENT REMOVAL (Lehner, P., Manning, G.) To enact the "SAFE Act" to revise the procedures for emergency removal of a student, to prohibit certain suspensions and expulsions of students in grades pre- kindergarten through three, to require each public school to implement a positive behavior intervention and supports framework in accordance with state standards, and to make an appropriation. Am. 3302.03, 3313.534, 3313.66, 3313.661, 3313.668, and 3319.46 and to enact section 3319.237

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Speaker Tasks Universities With Engaging High Schoolers Impacted By Opiate Epidemic

University presidents are coming together to devise strategies for reaching out to youth impacted by the opiate epidemic.

They're doing so at the request of Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville), who said he was recently inspired by a group of Waverly City Schools students impacted by addiction.

Many students in that district live with someone other than their parents and lack access to role models who can highlight life skills and opportunities to grow, he said in a recent column.



Speaker Rosenberger

Speaker Rosenberger said he believes universities can serve as the sources of those mentors.

"It's our communities who are going to help us in the drug epidemic, so how can we get college students to be those big brothers and sisters and give them some credit maybe for service-oriented things," he told reporters last week.

Another facet of his charge to universities is to consider how at-risk high school students can volunteer to earn credits toward college tuition, he said.

"Maybe they earn some credit or some dollars toward college credit so that they can have some ability to go out and do something," Speaker Rosenberger said.

Because reaching out to underserved populations dealing with the opiate crisis will be a priority for the legislature in 2018, he said he's eyeing legislation that would implement such mentorship and volunteer programs statewide. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, December 15, 2017)

University presidents began brainstorming immediately after meeting with the speaker earlier this month and will come back together in January to decide which ideas should be proposed, said Bruce Johnson, president of the Inter-University Council of Ohio.

Institutions have an essential role in the state's ongoing fight against opioids, he said, pointing to research that shows Ohioans with college degrees are 14 times less likely to die of overdoses than those who have only high school diplomas.

"One of the fundamental ways to attack opiate abuse in the state is to have a higher percentage of people in the state obtain a higher education," Mr. Johnson said.

"Students, particularly in hard-to-reach areas of the state, having mentors would help them manage their way through the difficulties and find their way to a public university," he added.

In areas of the state where the opiate epidemic has hit hardest, encouraging students to want to go to college is key because they often don't see higher education as a potential pathway, Mr. Johnson said.

"I think the thing that's really going to give students hope is a pathway which involves access to higher education," he said.

For that reason, it's possible the forthcoming plan will propose financial assistance for high school students who participate in a mentorship program and can show perseverance, Mr. Johnson said.

"Earning your way toward a college scholarship would be a great use of the state's resources," he said.

Any legislative proposals that come from the president's recommendations would be in addition to what universities are already doing on the opiate front, he said. Each university has undertaken initiatives to address the issue.

At Ohio University, low-income patients with substance abuse issues can receive free or low-cost treatment and drug dependent mothers-to-be are eligible for access to medication-assisted treatment programs, obstetrical care, social service benefits and other services. Similar services are provided at other university hospitals throughout the state.

Meanwhile, University of Akron is looking to help students who may be dealing with addiction by working with community agencies to develop supports and programming.

In the research realm, the University of Cincinnati recently received a \$1.5 million Third Frontier grant aimed at the epidemic. That total is in addition to \$32 million in research funding that's been awarded to the university to be put toward the cause.

Other universities are offering up their own dollars in an effort to find innovative solutions to the state's drug problem. The new Opioid Innovation Fund at Ohio State University will provide \$1 million in grants to public-private partnerships that develop programs or technologies to reduce the burden of the opiate crisis.

Right-To-Work, Prevailing Wage Proposals Unveiled In House

A slate of ballot proposals targeting labor laws was introduced Thursday in the House, drawing immediate pushback from one of the state's largest union groups.

The six joint resolutions from Rep. John Becker (R-Union Twp.) and Rep. Craig Riedel (R-Defiance) would ban mandatory union dues for both public and private employees, limit prevailing wage and make other changes guaranteed to spark protests among Ohio's unions.

If passed by lawmakers, the issues would be placed on the 2020 ballot for voters to weigh in, according to Rep. Becker. He said he chose the resolution route after his prior legislative efforts went nowhere.

"It has to do with making Ohio more competitive," Rep. Becker said in an interview. "Currently, Ohio is being left behind. Four out of five of Ohio's neighboring states are right to work. With 28 (right-to-work) states in the union, the trend is clearly in that direction."

Two of the resolutions (HJR 7 & HJR 8) would ban any laws, rules or agreements requiring public and private sector employees to join or pay union dues. They would also prohibit unions from representing non-members in employment-related matters.

Other resolutions would:

- Prevent a public authority from requiring a contractor on a public improvement project to pay workers the prevailing rate of wages (HJR 9).
- Forbid certain requirements or prohibitions regarding labor agreements in government contracts (HJR 10).
- Subject any public employee collective bargaining representative to an annual election to remain certified as the exclusive representative (HJR 11).
- Prohibit dues and other fees from being deducted from the payroll check of a public employee and prohibit those fees from being used for political purposes unless authorized by the employee (HJR 12).

Along with Messrs. Becker and Riedel, nine other representatives have signed on as cosponsors of one or more of the resolutions.

Rep. Becker said Republican leaders, House Speaker candidates and Republican gubernatorial candidates have all told him the same thing: If Ohio is to become a right-to-work state, it needs to be a decision driven by voters.

"They've all got this one consistent theme: the voters have to decide," Rep. Becker said. "I'm taking them at their word and saying fine, let's move forward with that. That's what these resolutions would do. They go on the ballot for people to decide."

Brad Miller, a spokesman for House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville), said the speaker will review the proposals.

"The issue of right-to-work has been brought forward numerous times in recent years, and it always generates an important and interesting discussion amongst the caucus," Mr. Miller said. "Since Rep. Becker's resolution was introduced just today, Speaker Rosenberger will review the legislation and will seek input from caucus members before any potential future actions are determined."

Tim Burga, president of the Ohio AFL-CIO, said that neither employers nor employees in Ohio are seeking these changes.

"These proposals are a frontal assault on workers," Mr. Burga said. "It does three things: It takes away rights at work, it drives down wages, and it strips workers of their political beliefs. It's really policies that attack the foundation of what's been a catalyst to create Ohio's working class."

Ohio House Democrats will likewise fight the proposals should they gain traction, with Minority Leader Fred Strahorn (D-Dayton) calling them "dangerous, divisive bills."

"Taxpayers expect us to work together to increase opportunity and create jobs with wages and benefits that can sustain a family," Rep. Strahorn said. "These anti-worker, anti-family restrictions will do the exact opposite."

Opponents point to the public's rejection of 2011's Senate Bill 5 - in which voters voted 62-38% to repeal a law that limited collective bargaining for public employees - as evidence that Ohioans don't support such a move. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, November 8, 2011)

For that reason, Gov. John Kasich, commenting on prior right-to-work legislation from Rep. Becker and others, has said right-to-work is "not on my agenda."

But Rep. Becker contends that SB5 (129th General Assembly) wasn't truly a right-to-work bill but more focused on strikes, benefits and union negotiations. In his view, voters haven't weighed in on the issue since 1958 when voters by a 63-36% margin rejected a right-to-work amendment.

Rep. Becker said he approached Rep. Ryan Smith (R-Bidwell) and Rep. Larry Householder (R-Glenford) about supporting the resolutions but neither has signed on at this point as a cosponsor. Both men are vying to succeed Rep. Rosenberger as speaker.

But the sponsor said he believes the measures would have support in the caucus.

"In conversations with plenty of other colleagues beyond those nine (cosponsors) it's a whole lot of, 'We don't want to go on record with it' or 'we want to see which direction it goes,'" Rep. Becker said. "They just don't want to be in front of it right out of the gate. There's a lot of support, it's just not necessarily public."

Mr. Burga, though, said the proposals are a "political assault authored by out-of-state interests."

"It's never a good time to introduce bad policy but again this is an extreme measure without a constituency," Mr. Burga said. "I would say Ohioans deserve better than this. Just like on Senate Bill 5, we will fight these proposals and encourage legislators to work together to find common ground to create jobs and raise wages."

Children Services Agencies See Growing Burden From Drug Crisis; Overdose Deaths Tallied

The opiate epidemic continues to put a strain on Ohio's foster care system, with a thousand more kids expected to spend the holidays in foster care this year compared to 2016, a report released Thursday found.

The Public Children Services Association of Ohio said the drug problem is driving a dramatic surge in demand for foster care, with the number of children in agency custody rising from 12,654 in July 2013 to 15,145 last July.

At this rate, the state would reach 20,000 kids in care by 2020, with the cost of placing them in foster homes and residential facilities rising to more than \$500 million per year.

"We are sounding the alarm now - we need help," PCSAO Executive Director Angela Sausser said in a statement. "We need substantially more state resources before we lose the ability to provide essential services to vulnerable children."

The data indicate increasing rates of growth in the number of children in care, with the total rising from 15,145 on July 1 to more than 15,500 on Oct. 1.

The association pointed to some help it received from the legislature in the budget bill (HB 49), an additional \$15 million. Yet foster care placement costs have increased by about \$45 million since last year, not counting staffing or other agency services, the group said.